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ANDOVER'S LAST FARMS



Peter Loosigian, 84, plants corn at Strawberry Hill Farm on Lowell Street. Loosigian is one of the last Andover farmers, as many have taken other jobs or sold their land to developers over the years.

PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

HOME GROWN

Many newer homes were built on old Andover farmland

By Rita Savard

Garabed "Red" Dargoonian remembers when Andover's landscape was an endless canvas of emerald green fields.

That was before industry and interstates helped change Andover into the upscale bedroom community it is today.

"House after house, developers kept them coming," recalls Dargoonian, squinting in the sun as he fixes his gaze across the road from his property at 23 Blanchard Ave., where 32 acres of his family's farm once stood.

"I crawled on that land on my hands and knees for over 40 years," he whispers. "To see houses over there, it hurts."

The disappearance of Andover's farms was the town's single greatest change during the last century, say Andover historians. Tucked away on a shelf at the Andover Historical Society, the yellowed pages of a 1920 Town Directory list the names and addresses of 206 working farmers. By 1950, fewer than half remained. Today, the town assessor's office shows five parcels of land listed as paying a farmland tax.

Those chapter 61A records, according to Assessor Bruce Symmes, do not necessarily include all the town's remaining farmers. For instance, Peter Loosigian, 84, is not on the list but he continues to work his land religiously each day despite a never-ending train of offers to buy. Loosigian has a 10-acre farm on Lowell Street.

Nevertheless, the significant decline in

Andover's farming community is clear. Richard Nabydoski is selling his farm following lawsuits and neighbors' complaints about seagulls eating food meant for cows.

When Nabydoski's land is sold, Bob Parks, owner and operator of Parks' Piggery at 141 Chandler Road, will be the town's only livestock farmer.

"Many farmers sell the land because they simply cannot afford to farm anymore," said Town Planning Director Steve Colyer. "Small farms have almost become obsolete as a result of economic change. For farmers,

staying in their profession becomes a decision between putting bread on their own families' tables or putting bread on the tables of others. In the meantime, property taxes increase, the values of land go up and returns on produce or livestock fall."

From farmhouses to cul-de-sacs

Before the turn of the last century, farming was a vital force in the area's economy, with Andover farmers helping to nourish the industrial boom that put Lawrence on the map.

"Andover was known as the home of the hill, the mill and the till," said historian Juliet

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Profiles of town farmers

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Fran and Mike Bellias plan to close their farm this year. It has run on the honor system, with people leaving money in an unattended jar in exchange for produce.

PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Town close to buying land

To become fields, trails, building

By Greta Cuyler and Dorian Block

Andover expects to soon finalize a deal meant to provide new land for playing fields, hiking trails and a public works building, says Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski.

The town is close to signing a purchase-and-sale agreement for the 46-acre Reichhold Chemical property in Lowell Junction, which the company has been cleaning up since closing its plant there in 1990.

Some of the town's proposed plans for the property include using a 27,000-square-foot building on the site to house seasonal public works vehicles, such as snowplows and lawn mowers; turning some of the land into playing fields; and setting aside about 20 acres for conservation land, including hiking trails.

Land off Lowell Junction Road will be used to build an adult size soccer field, 690 feet long and 300 feet wide, and an existing building next door will be converted into changing rooms, bathrooms and a concession area, said Stapczynski. He said land on Tewksbury Road is hilly, and while the town would like to convert the space to athletic fields, leveling the land is expensive and will happen over time.

All of the plans for the site would need to be approved at a future Town Meeting.

In 2000, Town Meeting voters gave the board approval to spend \$2 million to buy the contaminated property off Lowell Junction Road, and the town has been in negotiations over the

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CELL-PHONE COMMENTS



Liz Dietz: "My service works fine, although there are certain dead spots as you go outside of town."



Gene Killian: "I guess service is OK. It has been worse in the past. I find this area not one of the best."



Christina Lucini: "Service is brutal in some areas (e.g. the intersection of 28 and 133)."

Why is cell service often so poor here?

Residents ask the question

By Greta Cuyler

Frustrated residents say Andover cell phone service is inadequate, citing poor signal strength and phone calls that cut out mid-conversation.

"If Andover had a motto it would be 'Can you hear me now?'" said Michael Pingree, longtime resident.

Andover Police were so frustrated with their Nextel service that they switched to Verizon last week. "I don't think it's unique to Andover," said Police Chief Brian Pattullo. "It seems like it's been an issue with all the towns around, and it's recently gotten worse."

Cell-phone popularity has exploded and most residents rely on the wireless technology. But experts warn users that wireless service will never match that of a conventional home telephone attached to a land line.

"As long as the cord is connected, you have a connection. Because of the wireless technology, you don't have that luxury. As users are cutting the cord, they reflect back on that land-line technology," said Fazal Bacchus, assistant vice president, RF

Engineering for Sprint.

But Pingree is not swayed. "This is an upscale town. I'm sure that most people have them and need them for work. When you talk, it fades and cuts off and drives people on the other end crazy," he said.

Town officials began using Nextel phones in late 2002, primarily

because of their walkie-talkie feature, which allows users on the Nextel network to communicate with each other without depleting minutes. Approximately 10 of Pattullo's officers now carry Verizon cell phones with a similar "push to talk" feature.

Pattullo said Nextel's cell coverage is spotty south of downtown, in the Shawshen area, and in Ballardvale. He said the Verizon service is working well so far, although there have been a few dropped calls.

Joe Piantadosi, director of the town's plant and facilities department, is also unhappy with the Nextel service in town, although he's patiently waiting to see if it improves

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Ex-plastic surgeon Kartell seeks new trial

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CDM's exclusive deal over

By Greta Cuyler and Dorian Block

Town officials agreed Monday night to end a prominent engineering firm's four-decade monopoly over local public works projects and use a state-recommended process for all future engineering work.

The decision to end a longtime agreement with Camp Dresser & McKee Inc. of Cambridge followed public concern by selectmen that Andover's awarding of engineering contracts should be more competitive and transparent.

CDM is a well-known global consulting, engineering and construction company that has overseen local projects since the 1960s under an informal commitment, and has had an absolute arrangement since 1998. It has been paid hundreds of millions of dollars over that time for its services. CDM built the town's water treatment plant and is building the ongoing sewer expansion, the largest in the town's history.

There was no contention that the arrangement with CDM, a company started by three Boston engineers in 1947 that has grown to 3,600 employees worldwide, had cost the town more money than if it had competitively bid the engineering work.

But Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski and Public Works Director Jack Petkus said they will terminate the exclusive agreement, with CDM eligible to bid on future work.

Under the new rules, any company can submit a proposal for engineering projects of at least \$25,000 in engineering services or projects over \$250,000.

Smaller engineering work will also go out for proposals but Public Works officials can extend one-year arrangements to three years if necessary. Construction projects under \$250,000 will likewise be open to proposals.

The first engineering project that will use the new proposal process is the \$300,000 expansion of the Fish Brook pumping station. It was approved at Town Meeting.

"We're trying to make sure we have a more competitive landscape for our engineering services," Stapczynski said. "This way, it addresses the concern of keeping our list of consultants current ... and getting a good product at a reasonable cost for the town."

He said bids will be considered on the basis of

quality of work, then cost, so that "you don't always go with the lowest price."

The exclusive agreement with CDM did not become public until March when Selectman Alex Vispoli asked if the town's water-treatment improvement plans were put out to bid. At that time, Stapczynski said CDM handles all projects involving the water-treatment plant, a structure CDM helped build more than 40 years ago.

Selectmen were surprised, saying they had never heard of the agreement before.

At the time, Petkus and Stapczynski defended the master agreement, saying CDM was most familiar and experienced with Andover's public works infrastructure, especially the water treatment plant and sewage system.

Former Public Works Director Robert McQuade, after whom the building is named, defended his choice of using CDM over the years. "They are very familiar with the water treatment and sewage in Andover, had experts that no other firm had. Every time we did a project, they submitted, we reviewed the costs, tore the costs apart, examined and sometimes found prices we weren't satisfied with. Price was definitely a part of the selection," he said.

Stapczynski emphasized that engineering projects for roads, bridges and underground utilities do not have the stringent bidding requirements of construction for buildings such as schools.

Nevertheless, Vispoli and other selectmen asked that the town develop a competitive bidding policy for engineering projects, just like construction projects and supply purchases.

"I don't think any of them have been out to bid for the last decade," Selectman Brian Major said. "This is good for our checks and balances."

McQuade wants to make sure that the town selects engineers on the basis of ability, not cost. "Particularly with public works, the most important part is the engineering. If you have a particular problem, the engineer has to look at all the possible ways to resolve the problem and pick the best and most economical. That takes a lot of talent."

Vispoli thanked Stapczynski and Petkus for their "open-mindedness."

"It is definitely a good first step, so the town knows we get the best possible deal and the best service," he said.



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Town officials examine an old dump site that is now used as a place to pile snow in the winter. The town will test the area this winter to ensure there are no environmental health issues.

Town dumps snow on 'old dump'

Health officials see no visible issues, will test water

By Rita Savard

The Board of Health climbed into two locations off High Street Tuesday, searching for any trace of environmental hazards following a resident's fiery charge of negligence at what is an old town dump.

Donal Coleman, of 91 High St., blasted health officials during a July 25 Board of Health meeting, accusing them of ignoring toxic waste discharge contaminating the land at 92 High St. and at the town's current snow-dumping site on the corner of Burnham and Dufton roads. Coleman believes the land across the street from his home and the snow dumping site were both used years ago for waste disposal and trash dump-

ing. The current snow dump, according to board member Candace Martin, is listed on earlier town maps as the "old dump."

In response to Coleman's concerns, the board convened an outdoor meeting Tuesday at 1 p.m. and conducted a walking tour of the area.

While town Health Director Everett Penney said the board found no evidence of problems during their checks at 92 High St., water samples will be taken from the town's snow dump.

Waving a meeting agenda from November 1994 in front of town health officials last week, Coleman had claimed that a request issued by the town for future test pits on the 92 High

St. property was never fulfilled.

According to Health Department records, a site assessment of 88 and 92 High St. was conducted by Wetlands & Environmental Testing, Inc. in June 1996. Assessors from the independent research company based in Millbury, Mass., concluded the area did not exhibit overt evidence of oil or other hazardous materials and did not warrant further investigation. The report stated observations were part of a "limited historical environmental site assessment" and did not include subsurface explorations, meaning soil and water samples were neither collected nor analyzed.

The Board of Health said test

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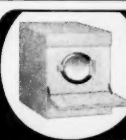
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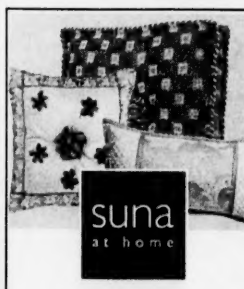
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PAST AND PRESENT



OLDER PHOTO COURTESY OF ANDOVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY. MODERN-DAY PHOTO BY TIM JEAN
In the top photo, circa 1890, cows meander freely at the Abbot Homestead, 9 Andover St. The same general area as it appears today is shown in the bottom photo. The loss of its farms has been the single greatest change in Andover this past century, according to local historians.

Cuba Street parking ban targets high school drivers

By Greta Cuyler

Cuba Street residents will find it a lot easier to park on their own street this fall. Andover High School students will not be there.

In an effort to prevent high school students from parking on the street all day, Cuba Street now has a 9 to 11 a.m. parking ban. The ban is the culmination of three years of resident complaints and safety concerns.

Because there are too few parking spaces at the high school for the number of students who drive, many students seek out spaces on side streets near the school. This has led to confrontations between street residents and high school students. Many of the houses on Cuba Street do not have driveways, exacerbating the situation.

"No matter how nicely we asked (students), we were told we don't own the street," said

resident Amy Minor, one of several residents appearing before the Board of Selectmen Monday night.

Safety and resident parking access were the main concerns of Andover Public Safety Officer Robert Cronin, who told selectmen he supports the parking ban. He said in one instance a school bus could not drive down the street because too many cars were parked there. Child safety is another concern, with approximately 20 children under the age of 12 living on Cuba Street.

Residents say that parking is so scarce on the street that students parking sometimes block partial entrances to driveways, making it impossible for residents to come and go.

The morning parking ban will not affect the parking spaces along the Cuba Street park, leaving approximately 15

spaces open for general use, including residents, students or park visitors.

Cronin was supportive but skeptical when selectmen brought up the possibility of instituting a resident parking-sticker program. "I'd love to do it. But I don't know where it stops or where it starts and I don't know how to manage it," he said.

But former School Committee member Frank "Skip" Eccles of Brookfield Road remembers a time when the town did institute resident parking stickers, at least for his street, located near Merrimack College. He still has a blue parking sticker on the back of his Ford Escort.

Selectmen voted 4-1 in favor of a one-year parking ban. Chairman Ted Teichert voted against the ban saying he favors using resident parking stickers.

Accountant to receive goals from selectmen

Selectmen say they are teaming with the town accountant to make budget reports easier to read and more user-friendly.

"It will help us make better decisions," said Selectman Mary Lyman.

Rod Smith, the town's accountant, had his annual goal-setting session with Lyman and fellow Selectman Alex Vispoli on July 28.

Lyman says this year's priority is to help town departments better manage their budgets by reconfiguring town software. Selectmen also want to be kept abreast of budget issues as the year progresses.

"We basically look at what some of the things are that (Smith) and his office can provide the board from an information standpoint and set mutually agreeable goals," said Vispoli.

Last year, selectmen asked to receive quarterly overviews of town expenses that compare expenses from year to year and quarter to quarter. Smith also alerts selectmen to trends and observations during his quarterly presentation. "It's proved to be a very valuable process," said Vispoli.

A list of the town accountant's goals will be completed this month, he said.

—Greta Cuyler

Saturday trip on Shawsheen changed

Because of river-water levels, the Shawsheen River Watershed Association is changing the route of its Saturday, Aug. 6 canoe and kayak trip.

Those interested in the trip should meet at 8:45 a.m. at the end of Dale Street and be ready to paddle to Central Street, by Abbot Bridge Drive. For more details contact Jack Brady at 978-684-8935 or by e-mail at KayakJack@comcast.net.

Those who want to borrow gear should contact Brady by tonight, Thursday.

Against the A-bomb

On the 60th anniversary of the US nuclear bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan on Aug. 6 and 9 of 1945, Merrimack Valley People for Peace will sponsor three observances.

MVPP has invited regional places of worship to toll their bells 60 times at 8:15 a.m. on Saturday, the exact hour of the nuclear bombing of Hiroshima 60 years ago. In Andover, Christ Church and the Unitarian Universalist congregation will participate, says MVPP. MVPP will also have a peace vigil that morning on Main Street.

The largest of the three MVPP observances will be a special "Nagasaki Eve Vigil" in front of Old Town Hall from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 8. The public is invited.

Quote, unquote . . .

IT'S ALWAYS BEEN SORT OF A FANTASY of mine to save the day. Every little kid wants to be a superhero at some point. Crime investigators are like real life versions.

—Adriana Lucci, 14, who with her brother John, 12, is analyzing blood and hair to solve mysteries at a University of Massachusetts Lowell summer camp modeled after the hit television series, CSI. (Story in Education, page 16)

I LOVED THOSE THINGS when I was a kid. And, I'm finding out that a lot of other people did, too.

—Paul Clancy, owner of Main Line Creamery on School Street, talking about why he created ice creams that include Twinkies, Devil Dogs or other snack cakes. (Story, page 11)

News Calendar

Thursday, Aug. 4

Zoning Board of Appeals, Memorial Hall Library, the Hall, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 6

Zoning Board of Appeals, Memorial Hall Library, the Hall, 9 a.m.

Monday, Aug. 8

Housing Partnership Committee, Town Offices, second-floor conference room, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 9

Preservation Commission, Town Offices, second-floor conference room, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Board, Town Offices, third-floor conference room, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 10

Design Advisory Group, Town Offices, first-floor conference room, 6 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 11

Council on Aging, Senior Center, 8 a.m.

Andover Cable Advisory Committee, Town Offices, third-floor conference room, 7 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 15

Board of Health, Town Offices, second-floor conference room, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 16

School Committee, School Administration Building, School Committee room, 7:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission, Town Offices, third-floor conference room, 7:45 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 17

School Committee, School Administration Building, School Committee room, 8 a.m.

Recycling Committee, Town Offices, second floor conference room, 7:30 p.m.

Openings still available for DCS programs

Two Department of Community Services classes scheduled to begin next Monday, Aug. 8 still have openings.

The weeklong Top Secret Science is back for "another year of fascinating adventure of fantastic discoveries and imaginative investigations for kids in grades 1-5." The goal of the program is to provide entertaining and educational activities with a clear understanding of what science is about and how it affects the world. The week will be filled with chemistry, physics, geology, electricity, light projects and more. Bring a snack and beverage. Program is held from 9 a.m. to noon at Shawsheen School at a cost of \$124.

On Monday, Aug. 8 is the one-day program Experience the Choral Art for ages 8-14. Participants will have group as well as one-on-one instruction to learn how to be in touch with

their voices and understand healthy singing techniques. They will listen to recordings by young choirs and learn about the music they sing. Instructor Robert Barney is interim director of Treble Chorus of New England and will be assisted by singers from the chorus. Meet at West Parish Church from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Fee is \$20.

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By Rita Savard

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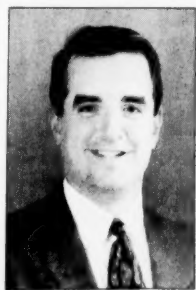
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For as long as he can remember, Loosigian says someone was always trying to buy the farm. William Wood, the textile manufacturing giant who designed Shawshen Village, owned three dairy farms in Andover that helped supply milk and eggs to the mill workers. Loosigian says Wood repeatedly tried to purchase his family's farm, but his mother would not budge.

"He kept stuffing money in my father's pockets and my mother would take it out," laughs Loosigian.

More than half a century later, Loosigian says the deluge of letters and phone calls inquiring about his property is "as steady as rain."

Today in Andover, less than one acre of buildable land can sell for more than \$900,000, according to town planning director Steve Colyer. Loosigian has received offers well into the millions for his almost 10 acres situated alongside Route 133, one of the town's most traveled thoroughways.

"One hot day when I was out picking beans all morning, a man came rapping on the door and wanted to make an offer," Loosigian says. "I told him no, that I wasn't interested, even though he said he was prepared to spend a lot of money. When my son asked what a lot of money meant, the man said, 'About two or three million,' and that was several years ago."

When Loosigian returned to the bean field, he says he was hit by the heat and pondered the idea of becoming a millionaire. But it was merely a fleeting thought.

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a colorful selection of fruits, flowers and vegetables, all grown by Loosigian himself, including some extras such as honey and maple syrup from local growers. The dirt parking lot out front attracts a varied assortment of customers - drivers in Mini Coopers, BMWs and old pickup trucks all converge in search of Loosigian's freshly picked produce.

All his neighbors used to be farmers. Now he lives on the same street as Raytheon Corp. and the Internal Revenue Service.

Yet Loosigian's presence continues, despite the changes around him. When the sun sinks below West Andover's trees, the farmer brushes off the soil caked on oversized square patches he has stitched to the knees of his jeans. Like clockwork, he

spends the evenings having dinner with his wife Alice, who now resides at Wingate Nursing Home following a stroke.

Loosigian says that while he cultivated the land, his wife's constant smile and gentle demeanor cultivated the farmstand's regular customers.

"This is where I was born and where I have made a lifetime of memories," said Loosigian, pointing out that his living room used to be the barn for cows before he and Alice made it into their family home. "I know every inch of this farm and can remember getting my hands dirty helping my mother work it. When you've nurtured the land all your life and it has been good to you, I just can't see selling all of that for a bunch of money."

EIGHTY-FIVE YEARS OF CHANGE

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SOURCES: TOWN DIRECTORIES AND CENSUS DATA

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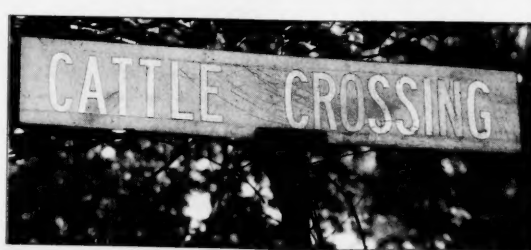
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But the very advent of industry in the area eventually led to many Andover farms' demise. Factory towns provided the perfect location for major thoroughways. During the 1950s and 1960s, the emergence of Route 495 and Interstate-93 led to

more industry in Andover.

"Everything in West Andover was pretty much farmland," said historian James Batchelder, whose own family owned and operated Rolling Hills, a 120-acre dairy farm on Argilla Road. "After I-93, we became more of a bedroom community, with Boston being 25 minutes down the road instead of an hour-long drive along Route 28."

This construction of major thoroughways increased Andover's accessibility to commerce, trade and out-of town jobs - and lessened the demand for homegrown produce. Highways also made Andover a more



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Home developers began clamoring for Andover land. Farmers who did not stop work during earlier construction

waves were later approached with attractive payouts for their land.

"When I came to Andover it still seemed like the last fron-

tier," jokes Colyer, who moved to West Andover in 1984.

Today Andover is a town of more than 30,000 people, and there is little land left to build on.

"If a guy gets a good price for selling, you can't blame him," said Benjamin "Ben" Dargoonian, Red's brother. The Dargoonian brothers sold their 32-acre lot on Blanchard Street in the mid-1990s, when produce profits were no longer enough compensation for labor-filled days in the fields, they said. Ben Dargoonian's son, Tom, is continuing the family farming tradition on close to 40 acres of state-owned property he bought

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As new housing developments continue to spring up throughout town, some business-minded farmers such as the Sarkisian family, which owns Sarkisian Farms and Driving Range on 153 Chandler Road, have managed to remain by adding new services. The Sarkisians now have an ice-cream stand and a golfing range alongside their active greenhouses.

Whatever their secret to survival, a handful of residents are now part of a distinctive breed. They are Andover's last farmers.

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ANDOVER'S LAST FARMS

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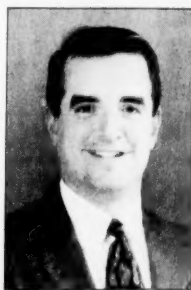
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"If it wasn't for her I don't think we would have made it," he said. "This was like a country to her. There were some fruit trees and some land she could scratch off and grow some things to put us up for the winter. She could feed us all for \$5 a week."

Anna Loosigian began sowing the seeds that remain some of the farm's biggest attractions today - pansies and strawberries.

"I still have her seeds, which I'm working on now," said Loosigian, his smile broadening. "This land was her passion. It must be where I get it from."

For as long as he can remember, Loosigian says someone was always trying to buy the farm. William Wood, the textile manufacturing giant who designed Shawheen Village, owned three dairy farms in Andover that helped supply milk and eggs to the mill workers. Loosigian says Wood repeatedly tried to purchase his family's farm, but his mother would not budge.

"He kept stuffing money in my father's pockets and my mother would take it out," laughs Loosigian.

More than half a century later, Loosigian says the deluge of letters and phone calls inquiring about his property is "as steady as rain."

Today in Andover, less than one acre of buildable land can sell for more than \$900,000, according to town planning director Steve Colyer. Loosigian has received offers well into the millions for his almost 10 acres situated alongside Route 133, one of the town's most traveled thoroughways.

"One hot day when I was out picking beans all morning, a man came rapping on the door and wanted to make an offer," Loosigian says. "I told him no, that I wasn't interested, even though he said he was prepared to spend a lot of money. When my son asked what a lot of money meant, the man said, 'About two or three million,' and that was several years ago."

When Loosigian returned to the bean field, he says he was hit by the heat and pondered the idea of becoming a millionaire. But it was merely a fleeting thought.

The Strawberry Hill Farm stand boasts



Peter Loosigian, whose corn will grace the tables of many Andover residents later this summer, continues to work his land and visit his wife at Wingate Nursing Home each day.

a colorful selection of fruits, flowers and vegetables, all grown by Loosigian himself, including some extras such as honey and maple syrup from local growers. The dirt parking lot out front attracts a varied assortment of customers - drivers in Mini Coopers, BMWs and old pickup trucks all converge in search of Loosigian's freshly picked produce.

All his neighbors used to be farmers. Now he lives on the same street as Raytheon Corp. and the Internal Revenue Service.

Yet Loosigian's presence continues, despite the changes around him. When the sun sinks below West Andover's trees, the farmer brushes off the soil caked on oversized square patches he has stitched to the knees of his jeans. Like clockwork, he

spends the evenings having dinner with his wife Alice, who now resides at Wingate Nursing Home following a stroke.

Loosigian says that while he cultivated the land, his wife's constant smile and gentle demeanor cultivated the farmstand's regular customers.

"This is where I was born and where I have made a lifetime of memories," said Loosigian, pointing out that his living room used to be the barn for cows before he and Alice made it into their family home. "I know every inch of this farm and can remember getting my hands dirty helping my mother work it. When you've nurtured the land all your life and it has been good to you, I just can't see selling all of that for a bunch of money."

EIGHTY-FIVE YEARS OF CHANGE

Since 1920, the first year such statistics were kept, the number of Andover residents who list themselves as farmers has dropped dramatically. Only a handful of small Andover farms remain, while the number of people living in Andover increases each year.

Year	Town Population	Number of farmers
1920	8,268	206
1950	12,437	92
2005	31,247	5

SOURCES: TOWN DIRECTORIES AND CENSUS DATA

As highways came in, more farmers decided to work, live elsewhere

HOME GROWN

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Mofford. "It was the farmers in town who supplied the food to feed all the thousands and thousands of mill workers in Lawrence and beyond from 1845 into the 1950s."

Colombo Yogurt started in Andover in 1929, in the kitchen of the Colombosian family.

But the very advent of industry in the area eventually led to many Andover farms' demise. Factory towns provided the perfect location for major thoroughways. During the 1950s and 1960s, the emergence of Route 495 and Interstate-93 led to

more industry in Andover.

"Everything in West Andover was pretty much farmland," said historian James Batchelder, whose own family owned and operated Rolling Hills, a 120-acre dairy farm on Argilla Road. "After I-93, we became more of a bedroom community, with Boston being 25 minutes down the road instead of an hour-long drive along Route 28."

This construction of major thoroughways increased Andover's accessibility to commerce, trade and out-of-town jobs - and lessened the demand for homegrown produce. Highways also made Andover a more



As some street signs indicate, many homes in Andover are built on former farm or orchard land.

attractive place to live.

Home developers began clamoring for Andover land. Farmers who did not stop work during earlier construction

waves were later approached with attractive payouts for their land.

"When I came to Andover it still seemed like the last fron-

tier," jokes Colyer, who moved to West Andover in 1984.

Today Andover is a town of more than 30,000 people, and there is little land left to build on.

"If a guy gets a good price for selling, you can't blame him," said Benjamin "Ben" Dargoonian, Red's brother. The Dargoonian brothers sold their 32-acre lot on Blanchard Street in the mid-1990s, when produce profits were no longer enough compensation for labor-filled days in the fields, they said. Ben Dargoonian's son, Tom, is continuing the family farming tradition on close to 40 acres of state-owned property he bought

across the road from the old Dargoonian farm.

As new housing developments continue to spring up throughout town, some business-minded farmers such as the Sarkisian family, which owns Sarkisian Farms and Driving Range on 153 Chandler Road, have managed to remain by adding new services. The Sarkisians now have an ice-cream stand and a golfing range alongside their active greenhouses.

Whatever their secret to survival, a handful of residents are now part of a distinctive breed. They are Andover's last farmers.

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FIRST AMENDMENT ISSUE

Timely viewing of tapes difficult

To see Planning Board tape must pay \$25 fee, wait

By Greta Cuyler

Residents wanting to learn what transpired at a recent town-board meeting they could not attend cannot necessarily do so in a timely manner, depending on the board.

Some meeting minutes, which provide a brief blow by blow of the meeting action, are not available until months afterward, and people cannot view videotapes of meetings without paying \$25 for a copy.

During a routine inquiry, the *Townsmen* requested a copy of the July 12 Planning Board meeting minutes. The most recent minutes for the board are from a meeting held Feb. 22. In lieu of minutes, the *Townsmen* requested to view the videotape of the meeting. Stephen Colyer, town planning director, denied the request because his office does not have a television or VCR.

Colyer was specific that the tape must not leave Planning Board premises, unless a person is willing to pay a \$25 fee. Upon payment, Colyer will

release the tapes to Comcast for duplication. Comcast-broadcasts meetings on a public access channel and turns the tape over to the town.

In contrast to the Planning Board records, selectmen minutes are up to date and distributed to the press at the next meeting at no charge.

The Board of Conservation's most recent minutes are dated June 21. The Board of Health's most recent minutes are from a June 20 meeting and the Zoning Board of Appeals' most recent minutes are from an April 7 meeting. Copies of the minutes for these three meetings costs 20 cents per page, for a total of \$5 for the three sets.

An e-mail to both Colyer and Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski to request viewing of the Planning Board videotape on town property was not returned. A phone conversation with Stapczynski reiterated the fee schedule. Stapczynski also said that the town cannot guarantee the timeliness of

a paid videotape request, because Comcast is doing the dubbing, not the town.

Under Massachusetts law (MGL ch. 39, 23 B), "the records of each meeting shall become a public record and be available to the public." Since the town is currently unable to provide minutes, a videotaped record of the proceedings should be available for public viewing, said Robert Bertsche, a lawyer and chairman of the Media and Intellectual Property Group at Prince, Lobel, Glovsky & Tye in Boston.

Town Counsel Tom Urbelis deferred comment on the matter to Stapczynski and Colyer, saying "if they gave you a response, I guess that's it." He declined to comment on the town's legal obligation to provide public information to the public and press in a timely manner.

"Not providing minutes," said Bertsche, "it's within spirit of the law to have them produce that other record, which in this case is a videotape."

New day in court for Kartell?

Judge will wait until December to consider

By Julie Manganis

James Kartell, the former Andover resident and plastic surgeon convicted of manslaughter for shooting his estranged wife's lover in a Methuen hospital room six years ago, is trying to convince a judge that he should get a new trial.

Kartell, 66, and his lawyer argued last Friday in Salem Superior Court that several recent court rulings in other cases suggest the trial judge erred by excluding testimony about victim Janos Vajda's alleged past behavior, while allowing hearsay testimony from a police officer and a nurse. Prosecutors countered that Kartell's case has been thoroughly reviewed.

"The wheels of justice turn slowly," prosecutor Greg Massing told the judge, "but they shouldn't turn endlessly."

Judge David Lowy said he was awaiting Supreme Judicial Court decisions on three more cases before making a decision. Those SJC rulings are not expected until December.

Kartell and Vajda encountered each other Feb. 23, 1999, in a room at Holy Family Hospital, where Kartell's estranged wife was recovering from pneumonia. The two men got into a fight, and Kartell pulled out a pistol and shot Vajda twice, the second time in the back of the head.

Kartell is more than five years into a five- to eight-year prison term. He was denied parole last December after board members decided he showed no remorse



PHOTO BY KRISTEN OLSEN

James Kartell has served more than five years of his five- to eight-year prison term after being convicted of manslaughter for shooting his estranged wife's lover. He seeks a new trial.

for his crime.

The state's highest court has already upheld his conviction.

Now, Kartell and lawyer Michael Traft say the recent SJC ruling that paved the way for a new trial for Harvard graduate student Alexander Pring-Wilson, convicted of killing a Cambridge teenager, entitles Kartell to a new trial as well.

Also earlier this year, the SJC ruled that evidence about a victim's violent past acts was improperly excluded from the trial of a South Shore escort convicted of killing her client when he attacked her, angry she would not have sex with him.

Kartell believes evidence about Vajda's behavior would have shown jurors that Vajda had violent tendencies.

He and Traft also cited a third court ruling, this one by the US Supreme Court, which held last year that hearsay testimony in the form of statements given to police after a crime were not admissible if the defendant does

not have a right to confront his accuser.

Kartell says statements about the shooting made by his former wife, Suzan Kamm, to a nurse and a police officer immediately after the shooting, admitted as "excited utterances," should have been excluded.

Kamm subsequently invoked her marital privilege not to testify against Kartell during the trial, even as she was in the midst of divorce proceedings.

Massing argued that Kartell got a fair trial the first time, and noted that federal appeals courts have found that the Supreme Court's hearsay decision should not be applied retroactively.

Kartell is serving his sentence at the Pondville Correctional Center, a minimum security facility in Norfolk.

Vajda's former wife, Klara, and daughter Bernadett attended yesterday's hearing. Bernadett Vajda said it was still clear to her "this man hasn't taken responsibility."

Testing of snow dump planned

■ SNOW DUMP

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pits would be necessary only if the land was going to be developed.

In early July, the Department of Public Works installed a drainage system to intercept water flowing into Burnham and Dufton roads, while creating a potential safety hazard. Snow dumping on the land there leaves the area "under water until May," said Penney. The newly built gravel-laden trench should now

divert the flow of water directly to a nearby brook which feeds the Shawshen River.

Since DPW workers excavated some of the land, Coleman claims that "junk" the town tried to cover up, including 55 gallon-drums, is now exposed again.

Penney, who said he has personally walked the site many times, confirmed that no visible evidence was found at 92 High St. during the board's visit Tuesday.

Martin, who lives on Rock O'Dundee Road off Burnham, was concerned about the potential a melting snow pile could have for creating a leaching field on an old dump.

On Tuesday, no one from the Board of Health knew any detailed information about the old dump, such as how many years it had been used.

"If we're going to continue using this as a snow dump, it's prudent for us to figure out

what the history is," Martin told her colleagues.

Penney said the snow dump has never been tested for hazardous contamination, but the original municipal dump is buried by dirt and rock about 40 feet below the ground's surface.

Browned vegetation at the bottom of the snow dump's hill appears to be more indicative of salt pollution than hazardous materials, Penney added.

Samples of the water runoff, said Penney, will be tested in the winter months, when melting snow creates a substantial water flow. Heavy rains could prompt a more immediate testing date, but Penney said the amount of precipitation needed to conduct a test before winter is highly unlikely.

Coleman did not attend Tuesday's site walk. Notice for the public meeting was posted on Friday, said Dunbar.

Cleanup nears end, purchase next

■ REICHOLD LAND

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details of the agreement since then. The Conservation Commission committed an additional \$1.6 million to purchase the conservation land. Residents were told the cleanup could take from three to 13 years when they approved its acquisition five years ago, said Stapczynski.

Town Counsel Thomas Urbelis gave selectmen and the town manager an update on the negotiations in a closed-door meeting Monday night. "We're hoping that it can come to a closure at least for part of the properties pretty soon," Selectman Brian Major said Monday.

Stapczynski said the purchase and sale agreement is nearly 20 pages long and filled with com-

plicated fine print.

Cleanup is complete for about 95 percent of the Reichhold acreage, said Everett Penney, the town's health director. But there is at least another year of work to be done, following the demolition of the manufacturing facility. The acreage under the building is contaminated and the last of three trouble spots on the property, said Penney.

"They are doing a very extensive cleanup of the site," Stapczynski said. "And we knew that when we acquired it."

The property is divided into three separate parcels, coinciding with the town's three plans for the land. Stapczynski said the land will be acquired "in stages."

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In Andover, Reichhold operated its plant on 13 acres sandwiched between the Shawshen River and Lowell Junction Road for 40 years. The plant specialized in manufacturing the resin that goes into Formica, and in the process poured gallons of effluent into the river every day.

Since closing the plant in 1990, the company has replaced more than 20,000 tons of soil with new dirt.

The contaminated dirt was shipped to a landfill in Maine certified to treat contaminated soil, according to Joseph Fersen spokesperson for the state Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup.

The company is continuing the daily cleanup, which must be approved by the state Department of Environmental Protection before the property can be turned over to the town.

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ARRESTS

Wednesday, July 27 - At 3:48 p.m., Alex Lugo, 19, of 215 Crawford St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with driving without a license and operating a motor vehicle with an expired inspection sticker.

Thursday, July 28 - At 11:10 a.m., Manuel Calcagno, 40, of 22 Bennington St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with driving without a license.

At 12:55 p.m., Russell Gill, 47, of 80 Chestnut St., Lowell, was arrested and charged on warrants for motor-vehicle violations.

At 1:45 p.m., Kedar Frederic, 21,

of 570 Pond St., Weymouth, was arrested and charged with a warrant for driving with a suspended license.

At 2:40 p.m., Brian Duprey, 22, of 200 Nelson Ave., East Syracuse, N.Y., was arrested and charged with a door-to-door peddling violation.

Friday, July 29 - At 10:41 p.m., Jason A. Shaw, 27, of 48 Center St., was arrested and charged on warrants for operating a vehicle with a suspended license.

Monday, August 1 - At 4:51 p.m., Matthew H. Liebl, 22, of 2004 Pine St., Nashua, N.H., was arrested and charged with a peddling viola-

tion.

At 5:15 p.m., Matthew C. Winthrop, 19, of 2615 Rhode Island St., Magnolia, Texas, was arrested and charged with a peddling violation.

At 5:48 p.m., Michael B. Lathan, 25, of 300 Frestl Ave., Belmont, N.C., was arrested and charged with a peddling violation.

At 8:14 p.m., a 15-year-old Andover male was arrested and charged with two counts of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon and assault to rob while armed. The teen was wielding a bro-

ken hockey stick and a knife, according to police reports.

At 10:10 p.m., Rebecca L. Tiso, 37, homeless, was arrested and charged on a warrant for destruction of property over \$250.

Tuesday, Aug. 2 - At 6:21 p.m., Carmen A. Jose, 28, of 32 Easton St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged on warrants for motor-vehicle violations and failure to pay fines.

INCIDENTS

Wednesday, July 27 - At 8:50 p.m., a house that was being built was knocked down during the electrical storm. Several reports of downed trees and wires, along with mass power outages also resulted from heavy rain and winds throughout the evening.

Thursday, July 28 - At 1:20 p.m., a resident reported two males knocked on her door trying to solicit magazines. Police said no one had registered at the station to sell anything door-to-door. One male was arrested and charged on a warrant.

At 1:46 p.m., a resident reported that a male, appearing to be in his 20s, came to her door and asked to use her bathroom. The caller said the man had been in the restroom for a lengthy time. After the subject left, police received a second 911 call in the area of Chandler Road for a party knocking on a door and asking to be let in.

At 2:45 p.m., a caller reported a strange-acting male who appeared to be soliciting in the area of Argilla Road. Police checked the area and arrested the man on a peddling violation.

At 3:49 p.m., police were dispatched to a local bank after the hold-up alarm was activated. Police said the incident was a false alarm.

Friday, July 29 - At 10:09 p.m., a Warwick Circle resident reported a person in a white Honda was pointing a laser into his house. Police searched the area and found no one.

Saturday, July 30 - At 9:41 a.m., a caller reported a gas tank was left near a fire hydrant on South Main Street. Police said the canister was

3/4 filled with pesticide. The Department of Public Works was notified for removal.

At 5:15 p.m., a local business reported two shoplifters.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Saturday, July 30 - At 9:53 a.m., a resident reported a beer bottle was thrown through their car window on Elm Street.

At 12:25 p.m., a 911 caller reported an unmanned vehicle rolled down the hill on Burnham Road. The car was towed by Elm Street towing.

Tuesday, Aug. 2 - At 7:25 a.m., a Juniper Road resident reported his vehicle was broken into during the night. Police said the car was left unlocked.

At 8:11 a.m., a Noel Road resident reported three vehicles in his driveway were broken into during the night.

At 11:22 a.m., a Chandler Road resident reported her vehicle was broken into.

AUTO ACCIDENTS

Friday, July 29 - At 11:44 a.m., The Andover Fire Department transported the operator of a motorcycle to Lawrence General Hospital after an accident occurred on Lowell Street.

At 12:48 p.m., multiple callers reported a car crashed into a wall on North Main Street near Balmoral. Police requested an ambulance to check the elderly occupants. At least one occupant refused an ambulance, which was later dispatched again when a party began complaining of chest pains. Three patients were transported to Holy Family Hospital.

Tuesday, Aug. 2 - At 11:51 a.m., a hit-and-run was reported on Maple Avenue. Officer Bob Cronin received the vehicle plate number from a witness and the subject was caught.

THEFTS

Saturday, July 30 - At 6:59 a.m., a Beacon Street resident reported his wife's pocketbook was stolen from their vehicle during the night.

Sunday, July 31 - At 12:01 p.m.,

a Bullfinch Drive resident reported his gray 1995 Honda Civic was stolen during the night.

Monday, Aug. 1 - At 4:22 p.m., a resident reported a laptop was stolen from his vehicle.

BREAKS

Friday, July 29 - At 9:11 a.m., a local dentist office reported ITS door was pried open during the night. Police said nothing appeared disturbed.

Saturday, July 30 - At 10:50 p.m., An attempted break occurred at a Germano Way residence. Police said the subject or subjects did not get beyond the porch.

COMPILED BY RITA SAVARD



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Wood chips in the back of a truck caught fire Tuesday, because the truck, which carries sand during the winter, has an exhaust system designed to heat the the truck bed.

Wood chips in truck catch fire

By Rita Savard

A dump truck hauling a bed filled with wood chips caught on fire while driving down South Main Street Tuesday.

Andover firefighters saturated the smoking cargo, which was ignited by the truck's own exhaust system.

The exhaust system, which runs through the floor of the truck, was designed to keep the body of the vehicle heated

during winter, to prevent shipments of sand from freezing in cold weather, according to driver Lutz Wallem.

Firefighter Matthew Burke, who extinguished the minor blaze around 2 p.m., noted that type of vehicle probably should not be used to transport flammable cargo.

Watching gray smoke billow from the work truck parked on the shoulder of 403 South Main St., Wallem com-

mented that at least his timing was lucky.

"I noticed out the mirror that it was smoking like crazy," Wallem said. "I didn't want to stop between the houses in case the fire spread. It was good that I was able to pull over, away from any homes or dried brush."

Wallem was delivering the wood chips to Middleton. His employer, Onway Construction, is based in Exeter, N.H.



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before canceling service for his department.

"At the time we went with it, coverage in town was pretty good, prices were good and two-way radio calling was a good way to save money," he said. "However, we've had serious problems with Nextel over the past several months." He said the area under Central Street's Horn Bridge, and at West and South elementary schools are among the dead spots in town.

Nextel is aware of signal issues in and around Andover, said John Redman, a public relations manager for Nextel. He said service issues are caused by a myriad of factors, including new building construction, commuter cell-phone use, an increase in the number of subscribers and network upgrades.

"We're never satisfied, that's why we plan an extensive upgrade to the network in Andover," said Redman, who added that Nextel is committed to keeping their loyal customers happy. "We want to assure our subscribers that we have higher standards for our service than they do."

Most cell companies contacted by the *Townsmen* declined to reveal their Andover cell-tower or antenna locations. In a voice mail to the *Townsmen*, Verizon Wireless spokesperson J. Abra Degbor said "we're fine with your discussing the cell sites you're aware of, but we don't think it's necessary to provide extra details on where or how many cell sites we have in Andover."

According to town zoning records, T-Mobile and Cingular each have approval for six cell sites in town. Nextel has five and Sprint and Verizon each have four. Cell sites include towers, antennae and monopoles. But the number of cell sites does not necessarily reflect that one provider is providing better or worse coverage than another, say those in the business.

In fact, it is nearly impossible to determine a precise signal strength and coverage distance because there are so many factors that can affect signals, said Mark Elliott, spokesman for Sprint. Dense foliage might impede a signal; similarly, signal strength might improve during the winter months when the trees are bare. Buildings can get in the way of signals, so antennae that are higher than the buildings usually provide better reception. Terrain is also a factor: hills and rocks can cause poor reception.

Elliott says the more people who use an antenna, the more narrow the coverage range. "The sites are designed to overlap. If there is something impeding the process of one signal, there will be another one to create ubiquitous coverage," he said.

According to Bacchus, companies determine cell sites based on where people live and travel, and invest in those locations. "Wireless is such that no carrier can guarantee service in every single service area. It would require an infinite number of dollars to ensure coverage everywhere," he said, adding that companies locate cell sites where they will cover the greatest number of people.

Bacchus says that once a cell company identifies a hole in coverage, that is just the first step toward addressing the problem. The company must find a location with a willing landlord to either host a receptor on a on-site building or allow a company to build a structure on the land. Town zoning laws affect where and how cellular companies can locate.

Jerry Marquis, Regional Zoning Manager for T-Mobile, says, "Many communities today have very complex regulations that do, if nothing else, significantly slow down the approval process. And I think Andover has a complex bylaw. It's a very professional and good town to deal with, but the bylaws are very complex."

All of the cellular companies the *Townsmen* spoke with prefer to "co-locate" at sites where other cell companies already have a presence. Co-locating is a way for companies to reduce cost and provide service to a location faster.

"The industry has been making strides and getting better every year. Consumer expectation is (such that) they keep asking for more every year," said Bacchus.

Verizon Wireless plans to add a cell site in Andover by the end of the year, although no location has been chosen yet. Cingular plans to add a cell site in town by the year 2006. T-Mobile wants to locate a cell site along the Route 28/125 corridor, south of 495 and, according to Marquis, T-Mobile's long-term objectives are to put more sites in the interior sections of Andover to provide comprehensive coverage for the town.

Two restaurants target Andover

Chili's coming to River Road; Tokyo eyes former Ground Round

By Rita Savard

The commercial anthem that got Jay Leno and Austin Powers singing could soon be on the minds – and in the stomachs – of Andover residents.

Chili's Grill and Bar Family Restaurant, known for their baby-back ribs jingle, is scheduled to begin construction this fall on the chain's newest eatery on River Road, next to the T&E Inn.

The projected 5,697-square foot space, with seating accommodation for up to 221 guests, will stand in place of the Inn's current tennis courts. Chili's had been eyeing the location since February when building plans were presented to the town.

Variety in local food offerings could be cooking up in more ways than one as concept plans for a Tokyo Japanese Steak House are currently being dished out.

The Board of Health announced that the restaurant, where chefs prepare food on sizzling open grills in front of patrons, has proposed a 160-seat establishment at the site of the former Ground Round on 560 South Main St. It would become the third Japanese restaurant in Andover, following Mootone and Yama.

Restaurant owners are seeking to tear down the existing structure that is more than 30 years old, according to Town Health Director Everett Penney.

Penney said welcoming the new restaurant would be a big improvement since the current lot is not connected to town sewer lines. As part of their new tenancy agreement, the restaurant would have to install a new septic system

to meet current health code requirements.

Plans for Tokyo Japanese Steak House still need to be approved by the Zoning Board of Appeals before a permit to build is issued.

Why Andover?

Andover, according to Chili's spokesman Louis Adams, contains all the ingredients for a good business operation.

"The hotels, nearby offices and good traffic area make the (River Road) spot a great place to open a restaurant," Adams said. "Our

restaurants already have an established presence in the Boston market and we're still growing."

Chili's baby back ribs have earned widespread notoriety with their catchy commercial jingle that has become one of the most recognized in modern pop culture, turning up on both the *Tonight Show* and in an *Austin Powers* sequel. But Adams said the eatery, which began in Texas, has a menu chock full of signature "comfort food" dishes that are popular with customers' palates, including Country Fried Steak and Margarita Grilled

Chicken.

"This is definitely a good thing for us," said Lisa Cote, front desk agent at the T&E Inn. "We don't have very many restaurants around the hotel and that's one thing guests often ask for. Being able to walk right next door for dinner is just another added bonus."

Building is scheduled for October and is expected to be completed by April 2006. The Andover restaurant will mark Chili's 20th location in Massachusetts.



Tokyo Japanese Steak House has proposed a 160-seat restaurant at the site of the former Ground Round at 560 South Main St. (Route 28) near the North Reading line.

BRIEFS

Fitzgerald earns designation

Margaret A. Fitzgerald, an Andover resident and North Andover business owner, has earned the Certified Speaking Professional designation.

Established in 1980, the CSP is the speaking profession's international measure of speaking experience and skill, according to a release from Fitzgerald's company. Fewer than 10 percent of the speakers who belong to the International Federation for Professional Speakers hold this professional designation, it says.

Fitzgerald is the founder, president and principle lecturer with Fitzgerald Health Education Associates Inc., a provider of board certification preparation and ongoing continuing education for health-care providers. She is also a family nurse practitioner at the Greater Lawrence Family Health Center, and adjunct faculty for the Greater Lawrence Family Health Center Family Practice Residency Program.

Fitzgerald is recipient of the American College of Nurse Practitioner's Sharp Cutting Edge Award and the Outstanding Nurse Award for Clinical Practice by the Merrimack Valley Area Health Education Council.

She is currently a doctor of nursing practice student at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland.

Feeley helps renovate home

Recently, 47 staff members from Feeley & Driscoll, P.C., a 100-person Boston-based regional certified public accounting/business consulting firm serving businesses for more than 30 years, volunteered their time and efforts for the Merrimack Valley Habitat for Humanity. Thomas M. Feeley, managing partner of Feeley & Driscoll, P.C., is a resident of Andover.

5 make 'Best of Boston' list

Les Fleurs, Andover Inn, dresscode, Royal, Glory

By Judy Wakefield

Andover's business community is basking in the limelight as five local businesses were included in *Boston Magazine's* Best of Boston list which hit newsstands last week.

"I feel like it adds an air of legitimacy and puts me on the map. And that's exciting," said Amy Finegold of Andover, who owns dresscode, a women's clothing shop on Main Street. "For me, this is about the core groups of old stores and the brand new stores and showing how Andover has the potential to have it all. Word is out. It's one-stop shopping and we offer anything."

Word is certainly getting out as a result of the published list. Andover list-makers – dresscode, Andover Inn, Les Fleurs florist and previous winners Royal Jewelers and Glory restaurant – say the notoriety has brought in customers.

"The phone is ringing like crazy. My longtime customers have long said, 'You're the best-kept secret in town' and now, more people are calling. It's great for all of the businesses," said Sandra Shaheen, who owns Les Fleurs, on North Main Street.

"People follow the list. They respect the opinion," added Finegold. "We had some out-of-town customers since the list came out and the list brought them to the store."

Ron Hill, chairman of the Andover Chamber of Commerce, called the list-making "terrific" and was not surprised to hear about out-of-town consumers checking out the local shopping scene.

"Our reputation is growing outside of town and the region. People are realizing

Andover is a great place to shop, to eat and to do business north of Boston," Hill said. "I know these folks and they have a lot of energy and creativity. This is great for them."

Here's what the magazine had to say about the five Andover businesses:

Andover Inn's brunch offers a "hearty buffet that rocks with all the standard brunch items but also includes gourmet goodies such as smoked salmon, fruit and specialty cheeses." But, brunch-goers will have to wait until September for a taste. Brunch is only served during the Phillips Academy school year and resumes Sunday, Sept. 11. The cost is \$32 per person.

dresscode "is a big reason why Andover has become a mini shopping mecca." The store is saluted for its "well-edited grouping of sophisticated pieces."

Les Fleurs florist was recognized for its lack of "snooty airs often put on at upscale shops." It caters to events of all sizes – both casual garden parties and black tie affairs – and staffers are nice to everyone.

Royal Jewelers on Main Street, a family-owned business for 57 years, "takes up half a block of Andover's charming Main Street." The shop was applauded for its substantial collection of fine jewelry and its custom-create service that allows customers to get any kind of bauble they want.

Like Royal, **Glory** restaurant on Essex Street made a repeat appearance. Its European and Asian menu was called delicious, and the restaurant received a general excellence award. "Glory serves dishes you'll remember long afterward, such as tuna tempura," the magazine reported.

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Opinion

Andover should offer easier access

GETTING A VIDEOTAPED COPY OF A HO-HUM Planning Board meeting can cost a resident more than purchasing the latest blockbuster DVD. And it is unclear how long it might take to receive a copy of the meeting. There ought to be a more inexpensive and timely way for residents to learn what transpired at meetings they are unable to watch live.

Currently, a resident interested in learning about a Planning Board discussion would have difficulty acquiring the information quickly. Someone might have to wait five months to get the meeting minutes, the document that records the meeting's action. The last minutes approved by the busy Planning Board were for a Feb. 22 meeting.

People cannot simply watch a tape of the meeting on town property either, because the planning department does not have a television or VCR, and will not let someone watch the tape at the library or elsewhere. A copy of the tape can be made, at a cost of \$25.25 – or \$20 if a person provides his own tape. But there is no guarantee of how long this will take. Comcast, the cable company serving Andover, makes copies after the town releases the tape to it.

Here's an example of what a resident might encounter as they try to find out about an issue that could affect their neighborhood: A *Townsmen* reporter attended the Planning Board's July 12 meeting. As the board finished its discussion of one issue, the reporter tried to speak with a few interested parties, while the board moved on to another matter. When the reporter returned, the board was in the middle of its new debate.

Wanting to learn the details of the discussion she missed, the reporter asked about meeting minutes, but a several-month wait would hardly be appropriate for timely publication of the issue. Andover would not allow her to view the tape, even on town property. The only option was to have a copy of the videotape made, but there was no way to guarantee the copy would be ready in time for the next paper.

Andover can do a better job of working with people to help the public – and the public's agent, the press – learn about the public's business.



Dressed as pirates, Scottie, 4, and Linda Silva enjoy a snack during the Summer Halloween Party sponsored in the Park on Tuesday by the Department of Community Services.

LETTERS

SEWER WORK

After two years, time to smooth So. Main Street

Editor, *Townsmen*:

The condition of the stretch of South Main Street between Phillips Academy and Route 125 is simply deplorable, and has been that way for approximately two years. The roadway is dangerous to drive – in fact, it is hazardous to all who make any use of it – and very uncomfortable for auto passengers. (My supply of Dramamine is running low.) This situation should not be permitted to continue.

I realize that there has been considerable work done to install a sewer line and local household connections, which were all very much needed. But that work took an exceedingly long time to accomplish, and now has been completed for many months. What issues might exist between the town and the state are irrelevant to us citizens who must use that highway on a daily basis. To top it off, there has been precious little public communication about the plans to restore the highway to normal use.

This situation is a disgrace and an embarrassment to the community. There should be a public outcry and a demand to the proper authorities to repave that section of highway on a top priority basis this summer.

Timothy L. Vaill
9 Bancroft Road

EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION

Defending his letter: Beliefs are different from action

Editor, *Townsmen*:

More on the emergency pill with reference to my earlier letter and the response from Michael Baglio in the July 28 *Townsmen*: Of course, anyone including pharmacists should and do have rights regarding their beliefs and opinions. The issue here is that Shawn McKallagat, as a pharmacist, is stating that he will refuse to sell the medication.

It is still my understanding that a qualified and practicing pharmacist should be willing to sell any medication that has been developed and approved for use in this country and available by prescription or over-the-counter. Obviously, if the medication is not carried by the pharmacy, then the pharmacist has no problem with his beliefs or opinions. If the medication is available at the pharmacy, then the pharmacist is obligated to sell the medication regardless of his beliefs or opinions. If the pharmacist refuses to sell any product in the store then he should take up another occupation that does not interfere with his beliefs or opinions. Can anyone imagine going to a retail store, attempting to purchase a product, be refused and possibly receive a lecture on their "sinful" ways?

I am not a supporter of abortion and if asked for an opinion I would be against anyone wanting to consider such an

Caution on underage dispensing

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Regarding the letter in the July 21 *Townsmen* by Richard Pangonis: Why the rebellious spirit toward pharmacist Shawn McKallagat's caution when dispensing "emergency contraception" to someone he perceives to be underage? If the appropriate authorities have neglected to specify an age limit on this medication, McKallagat's concern is justified.

Yes, we are a multitude of diverse religions but, happily, everybody's God is in the business of doing good.

Marian Hanley
384 Lowell St.

action. I also realize that there are situations affecting the woman and her family when such a decision must be made. I might not like what happens but I can understand that my opinion and/or beliefs cannot and should not be forced upon another's family problem.

The emergency pill has but one purpose – contraception. It is not meant for abortion.

It would appear that the Massachusetts legislators were attempting to make an approved emergency contraception pill available to Massachusetts women using the same logic described above for eliminating the onset of a pregnancy. This pill apparently prevents the onset of pregnancy in almost all cases (morning after routine) and has nothing to do with an ongoing pregnancy.

The governor of Massachusetts saw fit to veto the bill for

the weakest of reasons.

John F. Kennedy (the first Catholic president) knew how to separate religion and government. Sen. John Kerry tried to do the same during the last election and probably suffered for that as well. Even the Republican majority leader, Sen. Bill Frist, is beginning to separate religious concepts and governing with reference to stem-cell research. That's what I call a brave Southern Republican, breaking with his party and President George Bush.

I cannot say the same for the present governor of Massachusetts.

Richard A. Pangonis
30 Linda Road

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Web question

Cell phone reception OK?

Last week's *Andover Townsmen* Web-site question was: Do you support "over 55" communities being built in town?

45 people responded.

• 21, or 47 percent, said, "Yes, definitely. Too many of my older friends and neighbors have moved out of town due to the lack of housing geared to them in Andover."

• 15, or 33 percent, said, "Yes. I think it's an option that we should provide residents. A lot of people want to downsize their homes as they get older, but aren't ready for assisted living communities."

• 3, or 7 percent, said, "No, I don't think there's a need for age-restricted housing in Andover."

• 5, or 11 percent, said, "Absolutely not. It would segregate a population of the town and destroy the age diversity that makes this town great."

• 1, or 2 percent, said "Other."

This week's *Andover Townsmen* Web-site question is: **How would you rate cell phone reception in Andover?**

• I rate it a 10 on a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 being the highest. No problems.

• I rate it an 8. I have no significant issues. My service might not get a signal 100 percent of the time, but it's good, reliable cell reception and I'm satisfied.

• About a 6. There do seem to be some "dead spots" in town.

• I rate it a 4. It's below average and I'd really be pleased if the cell companies would improve the service.

• I give it a 2. There's regular frustration.

• It's a zero. Are you kidding? What service!?

• Other

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THE THURSDAY FILE

A meaningful life will not be found in the next job or the next car. The way you get meaning in your life is to devote yourself to helping others and creating something that gives you purpose.

MORRIE SCHWARTZ, IN "TUESDAYS WITH MORRIE" BY MITCH ALBOM

Enthusiasm finds the opportunities, and energy makes the most of them.

HENRY HOSKINS

Most people would rather be certain they are miserable, than risk being happy.

ROBERT ANTHONY

Those who believe that they are exclusively in the right are generally those who achieve something.

ALDOUS HUXLEY

If I create from the heart, nearly everything works; if from the head, almost nothing.

MARC CHAGALL

What chance is there that your totally average resume, describing a totally average academic and work career is going to get you most jobs? "Hey Bill! Check out this average guy with an average academic background and really exceptionally average work experience! Maybe he's cheap!!" Do you hire people that way? Do you choose products that way? People are buying only one thing from you: the way [you] make them feel. So how do you make people feel?

SETH GODIN

Talent is long patience.

GUSTAVE FLAUBERT

Learning to listen to and follow your heart results in increased security. As your inner security increases, you become more clear and effective in stressful situations and in creative endeavors. Building inner security is worth the effort it takes to achieve it. That's because the lack of it is the major block to manifesting the power of who you really are.

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The Einstein quotation

Gravitation is not responsible for people falling in love.

About 'Thursday File'

Steve MacDowall's file can be found at www.hudsonvanloo.ca, and it offers quotations such as these.

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The paper reserves the right to edit letters at its discretion. Reasons for editing include editing for length, clarity and style.

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Arts & Entertainment

EVENTS CALENDAR

Thursday, August 4

Gallery opening, as one part of downtown Lowell's "Destination World" festivities on the first Thursday of each month, visitors will experience the color, pattern, batik and crafts of the country of Cameroon at the opening of August's COOL Gallery exhibit, where a visual display of textiles and masks will take center stage, reception 5-7:30 p.m., free and open to the public; on exhibit through Aug. 30, regular gallery hours 1-5 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, COOL Gallery, 338 Market St., Lowell; Cultural Organization of Lowell 978-446-7162.

Small business workshops, the US Small Business Administration (SBA) is sponsoring a one-day series of three free workshops to demonstrate ways the SBA can help small businesses reach their goals: "Finance Your Dreams" at 9 a.m., "Working Together for Success" at 10 a.m., and "Government Contracting: The Hidden Market" at 11 a.m., free, but registration is required, Salem Enterprise Center at Salem State College, 121 Loring Ave., Salem; to register for one or all three workshops, call Anna Outerbridge 617-565-8510 or send an e-mail to anna.outerbridge@sba.gov.

Friday, August 5

Damn Yankees will be performed by Summer Theatre Ensemble, 7:30 p.m., \$10 for all seats, tickets can be purchased at the Department of Community Services, Learning Express, from cast members, and at the door; J. Everett Collins Center at Andover High School, Shawsheen Road; Kathy Abisso 978-474-4748 or abisso@comcast.net.

Jimmy Fund Golf Tournament, Budweiser tournament, with shotgun starts at 7 a.m. and 1 p.m., Mt. Pleasant Golf Club in Lowell, registration fee \$110; 866-521-GOLF (4653).

Comedy club, Joey DeVito, R-rated hypnotist, 9 p.m., \$15 cover charge, Dick Doherty's Beantown Comedy Escape, Doubletree River Front Hotel, 50 Warren St., Lowell; for tickets and reservations 800-401-2221.

Saturday, August 6

River trip route change, join members of the Shawsheen River Watershed Association for a canoe (or kayak) trip, due to water levels

the meeting place at 8:45 a.m. has changed to the end of Dale Street for a paddle to Central Street; Jack Brady 978-684-8935.

Comedy club, featuring Steve Sweeney, Jim Colliton and Paul Keenan, 9 p.m., tickets \$25, Dick Doherty's Beantown Comedy Escape, Doubletree River Front Hotel, 50 Warren St., Lowell; for tickets and reservations 800-401-2221.

Nearly Wet Paint auction, fundraiser for the North Shore Arts Association, featuring 80 never-before-seen or freshly painted works to be auctioned off by state Sen. Bruce Tarr, \$10 admission includes reception; preview and reception begin at 5:30 p.m., auction at 7 p.m., 11 Pirates Lane, Gloucester; 978-283-1857.

Damn Yankees, see entry under Friday, Aug. 5.

Sunday, August 7

Vocal Pops concert, the vocal chamber ensemble Coro Stella Maris will perform its second annual Pops concert by performing Gershwin, Cole Porter, and Kurt Weill selections in celebration of the 100th birthday of Harold Arlen, composer of such classics of the American Songbook as "That Old Black Magic," "Stormy Weather," and "Ac-cent-tchu-ate the Positive," as well as the most beloved songs from the 1939 film *The Wizard of Oz*, including "Over the Rainbow" and "Follow the Yellow Brick Road," 5 p.m., free-will donations welcomed, St. John's Church, 48 Middle St., Gloucester; 978-283-3833 or www.corostellamaris.org.

Monday, August 8

Jimmy Fund Golf Tournament, the Lynne Markos Memorial tournament for colon cancer research, with shotgun start at 1:30 p.m., Andover Country Club, registration fee \$200; 866-521-GOLF (4653).

Shakespeare in the Skatepark, Andover Youth Services presents *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, performed by local youth, 7:30 p.m., free, Andover Community Skate Park, behind West Middle School, bring a chair or a blanket to sit on; Thea Shapiro 978-474-9908.

Meeting, PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays), providing support, education, and advocacy, 7:30 p.m.,

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Chloe Sempere of Andover scooped the Krispy Kreme flavor for a customer at Main Line Creamery. Below, left: Paul Clancy mixes up a best-seller, raspberry cheesecake, at his School Street ice cream shop, Main Line Creamery.



What's the scoop?

Mixing in the sweet delights of summer

Snack-cake twists – doughnuts, Devil Dogs, Twinkies – join old standbys

By Judy Wakefield

Maybe the television show, *The Apprentice*, can take credit for one of Andover's top-selling ice creams. During a recent show, the task for Donald Trump wannabes was to create an ice-cream flavor and sell it.

"I don't watch the show, but my wife said one of the teams came up with a coffee-and-doughnut flavor," said Paul Clancy, who owns Main Line Creamery on School Street. "She suggested I try it."

So he did, rolling pieces of Krispy Kreme honey-glazed doughnuts into the cream-based secret recipe he makes at his shop near the downtown.

That coffee-doughnut combination has been a hit this summer, both at Main Line and at Mad Maggie's in North Reading. Mad Maggie's ice-cream stand, owned by Steve and Maggie Repucci of Andover, made *Boston Magazine's* list of 25 beloved ice-cream shops this summer and its coffee ice cream with pieces of doughnut was singled out as an exotic flavor worth trying.

The cappuccino espresso bean, Guinness, and orange-chocolate chip flavors – which are all homemade at the Route 28 stand – were also listed.

Doughnut pieces are not the only new ice-cream filler that is all the rage this summer. A Hostess twist is also hit at Clancy's shop.

He is also rolling pieces of Twinkies, Big Wheels and Devil Dogs into ice cream, and says these flavors are selling well.

"I don't do those flavors all

the time, but I loved those things when I was a kid. And I'm finding out that a lot of other people did, too," he said.

"I just wish I had more space. My display case only holds 16 flavors," said Clancy, who makes 60 flavors and rotates them every couple of days.

However one wants to describe the scoop scene this summer – exotic, edgy, or Hostess-twisted – many residents still scream for plain, old vanilla when they all scream for ice cream.

It leads the list of top-selling flavors at Sarkisian's in West Andover, while the Friendly's corporate office lists it as its No. 1 ice cream. Friendly's has an Andover restaurant on North Main Street.

"Vanilla is No. 1, probably because it is such a universal flavor," said Maura Tabias at the company's headquarters in Brimfield. "And we sell a lot of sundaes at our restaurants, and people like vanilla for those."

The runner-up is mint chocolate chip, she said.

"It's vanilla, chocolate, coffee and then Moose Tracks," said Rita Sarkisian, when asked about the top-sellers at her ice-

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SHAKESPEARE IN THE SKATEPARK



Andover Youth Services presents Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* on Monday, Aug. 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the Andover Community Skate Park behind West Middle School. The performance is free. Bring a chair or a blanket. Performing in this year's production (not all are shown in the photo above) are: Brad Bultenhuy, Rebecca Christoforo, Bobby Cummings, Colleen Cummings, Eli Grober, Katja Grober, Hannah Hastings, Carina Hernandez, Maggie Hughes, Anna Jurek, Wendy Mellin, Brendan O'Donnell, Andrew Sanders, Martin Villarreal Serna, Nicolas Villarreal Serna, Gabbi Traub, Elsie Washburn and Amanda Weldin.

Top flavors selling at local ice cream stands

Sarkisian's, Chandler Road: Vanilla and chocolate lead the list, while the cult favorites are cookie-dough and Moose Tracks

Main Line Creamery, School Street: It's all about the cult favorites, as raspberry cheesecake, Devil Dog Delight, cantaloupe melon and Krispy Kreme are top-sellers.

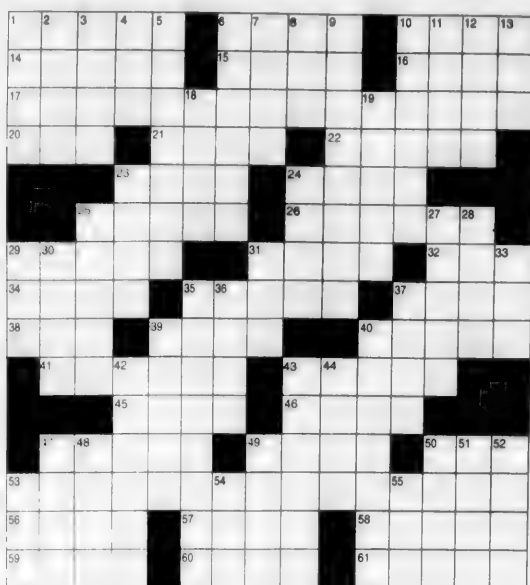
Friendly's, North Main Street: The corporate office does the talking and cult is not a flavor. It's two old standbys that lead their company-wide list. Vanilla is No. 1, and mint chocolate chip is the runner-up.

Mad Maggie's, North Reading: It made *Boston Magazine's* list of the 25 best places to get a scoop and had several cult favorites mentioned including Guinness, orange-chocolate chip and coffee-and-doughnut.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Non _____
6. Bend
10. Swath
14. Reasoning
15. Uncover
16. Gumbo ingredient
17. Make a cold war hot
20. Berth
21. Greek god of war
22. Hoax
23. Was looked at
24. Haze
25. Drink to
26. Forums
29. Embellish
31. Quickness
32. Consume
34. Wandering plant
35. _____ in Wonderland
37. Hit
38. Creative work
39. Vexation
40. Domineering
41. Often found in salad
43. Upset
45. Bode
46. Eams
47. Vegetable
49. Beehive state
50. Sister
53. Lawyer's cinch
56. "As you _____"
57. Helper
58. Higher



59. Ceases
60. Debate
61. Operatic bass

CLUES DOWN

1. Lump
2. Leash

3. Ripe
4. Container
5. Greek inhabitant
6. Not there
7. Rodents
8. _____du-chat syndrome
9. Companion

10. Soup
11. Related
12. Journey
13. Owns
18. Mined metals
19. Clothes pressers
23. Mad
24. _____ and span
25. Famous companion
27. Tether
28. Back talk
29. _____ Gardner, actress
30. Filth
31. Humor
33. Scriptural your
35. Aerials
36. Bih cat
37. Honcho
39. Island country
40. Type of gin
42. Des _____ Iowa
43. Seed part
44. Boyfriend
47. Jimmy
48. Work
49. Gov't dept.
50. Dozes
51. Avails
52. Roman emperor
53. Be in debt
54. Souse
55. Accountant

SOLUTION ON FACING PAGE

EVENTS CALENDAR

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Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 6 Locke St., Andover, Ralph Galen 978-475-4454.

Tuesday, August 9

Artist reception, a traveling exhibit of hand-made artist books created by 10 area artists as a collaborative project is being showcased at Memorial Hall Library during August; participating artists include Laura Gawlinski of Andover, whose book theme was "A Love Letter to Mother Nature"; opening reception for the exhibit, 6:30-8:30 p.m.; library hours: Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Sunday, noon-5 p.m.; 978-623-8401, www.mhl.org.

Impeachment anniversary, observing the date in 1974 when President Richard M. Nixon resigned under threat of impeachment, with a historical talk on the topic, including the two presidents who were actually impeached, Andrew Johnson and Bill Clinton, by Richard Padova, a professor at Northern Essex Community College who is a seasonal interpreter at the Lawrence Heritage State Park, where the talk can be heard at 10 a.m. in the park's Visitors Center, 1 Jackson St., Lawrence, free admission and free refreshments; 978-794-1655.

Balance living and learning, a

workshop to help participants determine if they are ready to add college to their lives, and offering help in choosing a career, selecting and registering for courses, and surviving the college experience without stressing out, 6-8 p.m., in the Ourania Behrakis One-Stop Student Center at the Haverhill campus of Northern Essex Community College, Exit 52 off Route 495; Rose Dittmer 978-556-3600.

Wednesday, August 10

Concert in the Park, the free summer series continues with Rico Bar & the Jump Five Review, 6-8 p.m., free, at the Park, corner of Bartlet and Chestnut streets, bring blankets or chairs and picnic suppers; in the event of rain on Wednesday, the concert will be held the next day, Thursday; call the DCS weather line after 3 p.m. for weather updates 978-623-8279; Mary Donohue 978-623-8273.

Summertime, the Summer Classic Film Series at the Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College in North Andover continues with the 1955 romance starring Katharine Hepburn as a spinsterish middle-aged tourist fulfilling her dream of vacationing in Venice, only to find herself lonely and unhappy, until an encounter with a handsome antiques dealer changes everything; 8 p.m., free, commentary by Amy Klayman prior to film at 7:30 p.m., along with refreshments; 978-837-5355.

Thursday, August 11

Seussical, a funny, clever musical that brings to life some favorite Dr. Seuss characters, will be presented by North Shore Music Theatre's Youth Performance Academy at a special temporary venue, after the children's theater group lost its home in the July fire at the Beverly theater; the 35 young performers, including Andover residents Corey Desjardins, Jackie Gladstein and Julie Helmers, will offer three performances, with all proceeds from the first performance (7 p.m. tonight) going toward restoring the theater; tickets are \$25 for adults (\$15 at later performances), \$10 for children, available at the music theatre box office or at the door, Mary Weld Pingree Center for the Performing Arts, 537 Highland St., South Hamilton; box office, 62 Dunham Road, Beverly; 978-232-7200.

Friday, August 12

Puppet show, featuring the Pumpernickel Puppets, 3 p.m., free, Next Generation Children's Center of Andover, 516 South Main St.; 978-475-8010.

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Aida: School Edition, which follows the classic tale of love, loss and betrayal through the music and lyrics of Elton John and Tim Rice, will be presented by North Shore Music Theatre's Youth Performance Academy at a special temporary venue: 28 young performers, including Andover residents Justin Colombo, Tina Leber, and Cara Lemire, will offer three performances, with all proceeds from the first performance (7 p.m. tonight) going toward restoring the theater; tickets are \$25 for adults (\$15 at later performances), \$10 for children, available at the music theatre box office or at the door, Mary Weld Pingree Center for the Performing Arts, 537 Highland St., South Hamilton; box office, 62 Dunham Road, Beverly 978-232-7200.

Moscow State Circus, featuring circus performers from Russia and around the world, including the Moldavian Troupe of acrobats, jugglers, contortionists, two of the daredevil Wallenda aerial family,

and CoCo Kramer, a world-famous clown, performances at 5 and 8 p.m., \$20 adult, \$5.50 children 12 and younger, coupons (up to three free children's tickets with paid adult, and one free adult with paid adult ticket) at area fast food outlets and local merchants, Shriner's Auditorium, 99 Fordham Road, Wilmington; visit Web site www.moscowcircusstars.com.

Saturday, August 13

Artist reception, five artists collaborating as "The Floating Studio," including Andover resident Gayle Caruso, have been working for three weeks in a 3,000 square-foot space donated by Andrea Management, each artist creating a temporary installation of a very large-scale, experimental project, free, noon-8 p.m., 250 Canal St., Lawrence; 978-387-2947.

Summer art sale, 15 artists from Artisans in the Open will offer arts and crafts, including jewelry, paintings, sculpture, pottery, stained glass, photography, painted furniture and more, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. in the garden of Linda Johnson's his-

toric house, 8 Ferry Road, Salisbury; 978-499-7110.

Baby Fest seminar, sponsored by Babies 'R' Us, to celebrate World Breastfeeding Week informing mothers about the important topics of breastfeeding and the introduction of baby's first foods, several presentations between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., store at 447 South Broad way, Salem, N.H.; Mary Ellen Hollins 603-893-2614.

Aida: School Edition, 2 p.m., see entry under Friday, Aug. 12.

Seussical, 7 p.m., see entry under Thursday, Aug. 11.

Moscow State Circus, 1, 4 and 7 p.m., see entry under Friday, Aug. 12.

Sunday, August 14

Renaissance sacred music, ARS et AMICI, a chorus with consort of recorders, lute and organ, will perform a program of early psalm songs, some of which are still in use today, 4 p.m., suggested donation of \$15, \$10 seniors, students, and low-income attendees, St. John's Episcopal Church, 705 Hale

St., Beverly Farms; 978-264-0584 or www.arsetamici.org.

Summer art sale, 12-5 p.m., see entry under Saturday, Aug. 13.

Seussical, 2 p.m., see entry under Thursday, Aug. 11.

Aida: School Edition, 7 p.m., see entry under Friday, Aug. 12.

Ongoing

Summer Activities

Summer concert series, the free summer series, the concert will be held the next day, Thursday, call the DCS weather line after 3 p.m. for weather updates 978-623-8279; future concerts: Aug. 17 (final show) - Mill City Jazz; Mary Donohue 978-623-8273.

Pomps Pond, the pond is open daily for the season; daily fees \$5 per person, resident season stickers \$75 or \$30 for senior citizens, Pond View concession stand open daily, hours through Aug. 14: noon-6 p.m.; swim lessons through Aug. 25, 11:15 a.m. - noon, off Abbot Street; 978-623-8273.

Art Exhibitions

Addison Gallery of American Art, closed during August, regular gallery hours beginning in September are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 1-5 p.m., free admission, Addison Gallery of American Art, Phillips Academy; 978-749-4015, www.addisongallery.org.

Alpers Fine Art of Andover, through Aug. 21, "Warm Winds, Cool Waters," an exhibition of oil paintings, pastels and watercolors by seven artists and several familiar Alpers exhibitors, gallery hours Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday and Saturday 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 2 Main St.; 978-470-0013 or www.alpersfineart.com.

Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology, *Objects and their Meanings: Historical Highlights of the Peabody*, displays ethnographic objects from museum's collections of North and South America and a series of photographs that illustrate the activities of the museum's key people during the last century; Tuesday through Saturday, noon-5 p.m., by appointment only, free admission, Phillips Academy campus, 175 Main St.; 978-749-4490.

Arthur Griffin Museum of Photography, Tuesday-Sunday, noon-4 p.m., \$5 admission, \$2 seniors, members and children under 12 free, Thursday admission is free all day, 67 Shore Road, Winchester; 781-729-1158, www.griffinmuseum.org.

Brush Art Gallery, the Annual Resident Artists' Exhibition, including the work of two Andover residents, Carol Boileau and Betsy Wish, free and open to the public, exhibit on display through Sept. 11, regular hours are Tuesday through Satur-

day 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday noon to 4 p.m., Brush Art Gallery and Studio, 256 Market St., Lowell 978-459-7819 or visit the Web site www.brushart.com.

COOL Gallery, exhibit hours: Tuesday and Thursday 1-5 p.m., COOL Gallery, 48 Market St., Lowell Cultural Organization of Lowell 978-446-7162.

Gallery 181, Cotton Weaving House 181 Canal St., Lawrence through Aug. 30, *Cool Pop*, featuring works by Jud Johnson (watercolors), Judith Laman (oils) and Valerie Bonard (watercolors), opening reception Thursday, Aug. 11, 8-8 p.m., free and open to the public, Jim 978-688-4544.

Robert Lehman Art Center at Brooks School, gallery hours Tuesday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday 8:30 a.m.-noon, Sunday 2:30-5 p.m., 1160 Great Pond Road, North Andover; 978-725-6232.

Whistler House Museum of Art, Wednesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., \$4, 243 Worthen St., Lowell 978-452-7641.

Essex Art Center, through Aug. 19 in the Main Gallery, "Faith in Art" featuring Latino artists Claudia Arcia, Federico Bachman, Raquel Bauman, Jairo Cruz, Pan Goncalves, Norma Lopez, Cecilia Mendez, Leida Montanez, Gabriela Perez-Fiato; in the Elizabeth A. Beland Gallery, "Time Spells" by sculptor and installation artist Patricia Tinajero-Baker; gallery hours Monday, 3-7 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday, 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Friday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., galleries are free and open to the public; Essex Art Center, 56 Island St., Lawrence; Cathy McLaurin 978-685-2343 or www.essexartcenter.com.

Memorial Hall Library, featuring during August a traveling exhibit of handmade artist books created by ten area artists as a collaborative project; participating artists include Laura Gawlinski of Andover, whose book theme was "A Love Letter to Mother Nature", opening reception for the exhibit Tuesday, Aug. 9, 6:30-8:30 p.m.; library hours: Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Sunday, noon-5 p.m.; 978-623-8401, www.mhl.org.

McQuade Gallery, located in the McQuade Library at Merrimack College, gallery hours same as library hours: Monday through

Thursday, 9 a.m.-midnight; Friday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.-midnight; call for hours, free admission, 781-880-0909.

Sakowich Campus Center, at Merrimack College, the Fireside and first floor lounges, call for hours 978-880-0909, Ext. 4208.

Senior Center artists, talented artists participate in art classes and display the "drop-in group" on Wednesday and Thursday mornings; art displays of oils, watercolor, pen and ink, pastels and mixed media in the Merrimack Senior Center, 625 S. St., Lowell 978-623-8521.

Lorica Artworks, artist specializing in portraits, landscapes, Ireland, and Celtic art, gallery hours: Monday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday and Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursday and Friday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., 1160 Great Pond Road, North Andover; 978-725-6232.

Walsingham Gallery, work by artist, 10 artists, Robert Douglas, Harriet Jean Leighton, Elizabeth M. Leary, John Daniel Phillips, Frank Strazulla Jr. and others; gallery hours Monday, Wednesday, Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday, noon-5 p.m., closed Tuesdays; 47 Merrimack St., Newburyport; 978-499-4411 www.thewalsinghamgallery.com.

Montserrat College of Art Gallery, Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday, 11 a.m.-noon, and by appointment, Carol Schlosberg Alumni Gallery, 23 Essex St., Beverly; 978-921-4242, Ext. 1319.

Evos Arts Gallery, free, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-441-9906, www.evovarts.com.

Flint Memorial Library, 147 Park St., North Reading; 978-664-4942 www.flintmemoriallibrary.org.

Churchill Gallery, an exhibition of landscapes by award-winning artists Robert Scott Jackson and Dennis Sheehan, gallery hours are Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday noon-5 p.m., 6 Inn St., Newburyport; 978-462-9891.

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Perennial favorites are shown off by Rita and Sarkis Sarkisian at their ice cream stand on Chandler Road. He holds vanilla while she stands by black raspberry.

Frozen concoctions

■ LOCAL ICE CREAM STANDS

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cream counter on Chandler Road.

She and her husband, Sarkis, are enjoying their second year in the ice-cream business. The ice-cream counter joined the couple's driving-range business, Sarkisian Farms and Driving Range, which they have operated for the past 11 years.

The Sarkisians sell ice cream made by Richardson's, a dairy company in Middleton. While 35 flavors are available, it's still vanilla and chocolate that rank first and second on the Sarkisian list of favorites.

Black raspberry also has a devoted following, they said.

"The kids like cookie-dough anything, and they like Moose Tracks," said Rita Sarkisian.

Her customers often hit the links and then her

counter. Perhaps golfers are less adventuresome. The stand's cake-batter flavor was a no-go this summer, so it's doubtful that rolled-in doughnuts or Twinkies would make it.

Instead, old summer standbys will always be available at Sarkisian Farms and that's fine with the owners. "You know your customers and we get what they want," Rita Sarkisian said.

Meanwhile, at Main Line Creamery the roll-ins' popularity cannot be licked, and Clancy has no plans to change that.

"I'll mix in Reese's candy, Krispy Kremes, Devil Dogs, whatever. Just ask and I'll see what I can do," he said. "I'm always asking for suggestions."

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The State of the Art Gallery and Sculpture Garden, Rocky Neck Art Colony, Gloucester; 978-463-8883.

Cape Ann Historical Museum, Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., 27 Pleasant St., Gloucester; 978-283-0455.

The Saltbox Gallery, gallery hours, Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 49 Main St., Topsfield; 978-887-3844.

Nevins Memorial Hall, 305 Broadway, Methuen; 978-686-4080.

J. David Broudo Gallery of Art, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Endicott College, 376 Hale St. (Route 127) Beverly; 978-232-2250.

Revolving Museum, "Signs of Life" is a cave environment, the product of some 76 student artists from the Lowell public schools, created over a period of 6 months and inspired by the cave paintings of Lascaux and Altamira but conveying the symbols and messages of modern day kids, on display through Aug. 21; "Family Life," a display exploring the theme of family life, also open through Aug. 21; audiences will be taken on a journey through a variety of innovative artworks that explore issues like pollution control and spirituality through nature, artist-driven museum, dedicated to presenting public art, exhibitions, educational programs, gallery hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, noon-4 p.m., 22 Shattuck St., Lowell; 978-937-2787

Newburyport Art Association, Sargent Gallery and the Hartson Gallery (upstairs), Laura Coombs Gallery, hours are 11 a.m.-5 p.m., 66 Water St., Newburyport; 978-465-8769

Laura Coombs Hills Gallery, gallery hours: Monday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, noon-5 p.m., 65 Water St., Newburyport; 978-670-9102, www.newburyport-art.org.

Mingo Gallery, Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 252 Cabot St., Beverly; 978-927-5964.

Gelb Gallery at Phillips Academy, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, Sunday, noon-4 p.m.; 978-475-4419.

Bravos Arts Gallery, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., One East Main St., Georgetown; 978-352-8102.

Ayer Lofts Art Gallery, a cooperative artist space in Lowell, Thursdays, 6-9 p.m., Friday, Saturday, Sunday, noon-4 p.m., 172 Middle St., Lowell; Mandy Shear 617-335-0230 or ayerlofts.com/exhibits.

River Gallery, Thursday through Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., 4 Market



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Ramping up for next Monday's Andover Youth Services production of Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream are members of the cast and organizers in the Andover Community Skate Park behind West Middle School. The performance, which begins at 7:30 p.m., is free. Bring a chair or a blanket, organizers suggest.

St., Ipswich; 978-356-1559.

Ocmulgee Pottery & Fine Crafts, gallery hours Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 26 Market St., Ipswich; 978-356-1298.

North Shore Arts Association of Gloucester, featuring sculptures, paintings, 11 Pirate's Lane, Gloucester, regular hours Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m., including holidays; 978-283-1857.

Erich Gallery, featuring "Reflections," paintings of Jan Peng Wang, who creates paintings that are both classical and contemporary, using the figure, still-life, flowers or anything else that captures his imagination, through Aug. 23, gallery hours Tuesday through Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Sunday, noon-5 p.m., 96 Washington St., Marblehead; 781-631-1202.

Theater

North Shore Music Theatre, the premier venue for musical theater on the North Shore, closed by fire on July 25, expects to reopen with the production of *Abysinia*, the story of a young African-American woman's journey back to faith, featuring moving gospel, jazz and ragtime rhythms, various times, tickets \$30-\$63; also visit Web site for related free events, including "Meet the Theatre" events that offer the opportunity to meet the players, North Shore Music Theatre, 62 Dunham Road, Beverly; 978-232-7200 or www.nsmth.org for times, special events and tickets.

North Shore Music Theatre, Theatre for Children, after a fire

closed the theater on July three remaining performances for children may be cancelled or rescheduled, call for up-to-date information on the following scheduled performances: Friday, July 29 "Super Scientific Circus" starring Mr. Fish and Trent the Mime, who will attempt to prove that science can be fun; Friday, Aug. 12, "Peter and the Wolf" by the Pushcart Players; North Shore Music Theatre, 62 Dunham Road, Beverly; 978-232-7200.

Le Grand David Spectacular Magic Company, Sundays 3 p.m., \$18, \$12 children 11 and under, Cabot St. Cinema Theater, 286 Cabot St., Beverly; 978-927-3677.

Amesbury Playhouse Dinner Theatre, *Butterflies Are Free*, performances through Aug. 7, *The Sound of Music*, performances Aug. 11 through Sept. 3, Thursdays at 7 p.m. (buffet at 5 p.m.), Fridays and Saturdays at 8:30 p.m. (dinner, 7 p.m.) and Sundays at 1 (dinner, noon) and at 6:30 p.m. (dinner, 5 p.m.), reservations required for all performances, \$17 show only (special Thursday price \$12 show only), dinner-show combo start at \$26 and go up to \$44, depending on meal choices, Amesbury Playhouse, 194 Main St., Amesbury; 978-388-9444 or www.amesburyplayhouse.org.

Stoneham Theatre, 395 Main St., Stoneham; box office 781-279-2200 or www.StonehamTheatre.org.

Museums and Historic Homes
Andover Historical Society, tour the Amos Blanchard House and Barn Museum for a glimpse into life in

the early 19th century; exhibit in the Meeting Room: *Founding Farms*, a traveling exhibit sponsored by the Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities, with photographs by Stan Sherer and text by Michael E. C. Gery. *Founding Farms* documents the long lives of five of the oldest farms in Massachusetts, including North Andover's Barker Farm; open Tuesdays through Saturdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., \$5 admission, students \$3, 97 Main St.; 978-475-2236, www.andhist.org.

Boott Cotton Mills Museum, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 400 Foot of John St., Lowell.

New England Quilt Museum, Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, noon-4 p.m., 18 Shattuck St., Lowell; 978-452-4207.

Lawrence Heritage State Park, daily, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., admission free, 1 Jackson St., Lawrence; 978-794-1655.

Wenham Museum, \$5 adults, \$3 children ages 2 and up, 132 Main St., Wenham; 978-468-2377.

Museum of Printing, 800 Massachusetts Ave., North Andover, featuring world's largest collection of antique printing, typesetting and bindery machines, as well as the world's largest library of printing-related books and documents; in addition, the museum has the extensive printing collection of the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C. The two 90-foot galleries, library and four floors of archival stacks are all available to the public, \$5 admission, Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; 978-686-0450 or www.museumofprinting.org.

North Andover Historical Society, 153 Academy Road, North Andover, maintains two sites that feature museum galleries: 1789 Johnson Cottage, an artisan's home and workshop, and 1715 Parson Barnard House, depicting life from 1715-1830, 179 Osgood St., changing exhibits highlight local life from the 17th- to the 20th century, library and archive, \$3 adults, \$1 children, \$2 seniors, Johnson Cottage, tours Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m.-noon and 2-4 p.m., \$5 adults for a combined tour of both properties; 978-686-4035.

The Revolving Museum, hours are Thursday through Sunday, noon-4 p.m., 22 Shattuck St., Lowell; 978-937-2787 www.revolvingmuseum.org.

Custom House Maritime Museum, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Thursday and Sun-

day, 1-4 p.m., 25 Water St., Newburyport; its Lowell Boat Shop, 459 Main St., Amesbury, Wednesday-Sunday; 978-388-0162.

American Textile History Museum, special exhibits through Sept. 4 include "Batik from Courts and Palaces: the Rudolf Smend Collection" and "Batik Fashion/ American Style," featuring special attractions for children, including a walk-in exhibit of a traditional Sumatran home with a water-buffalo-hide roof, dress-up sarong wraps, a fishing game, and hands-on learning with spices, musical instruments and more; "Family Fun," Sundays, 2 p.m. feature hands-on programs, stories, quilt projects and more; alongside the permanent exhibit of textiles, tools, machines, photographs, advertising ephemera, and other artifacts that show how people have used art and science during the past 250 years to create beautiful and useful textiles; more than 500 artifacts from the museum's collections are used in imaginative period settings and gallery displays; ATHM, 491 Dutton St., Lowell; museum hours are Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; weekends, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., closed Mondays and holidays; admission \$6 for adults; \$4 for students, seniors, and groups; free for children under 6 and museum members, parking is free, and the building is wheelchair accessible; 978-441-0400 or www.athm.org.

Peabody Essex Museum, In Nature's Company, featuring works by more than 20 Massachusetts artists who rely on nature for their creative source, through Sept. 18; opening Aug. 6, *All of My Life: Contemporary Works by Native American Artists*, displaying works by nine contemporary artists who call upon and reinterpret traditions that are thousands of years old; opening Aug. 23, *Exposing the Source: the Paintings of Nalini Malani*, presenting two decades of work by the Pakistani artist who was the first Indian artist to have a solo exhibition in the US; Monday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., \$13 adults, \$11 seniors, \$9 students; free for children under 16; East India Square, Salem, Mass.; 978-755-1876 or 866-745-1876, www.pem.org.

Dracula's Castle, unusual lore of New England focusing on strange ghostly and unexplained events, \$6, \$4 ages 8-14, Saturdays, 7:30 p.m., 90 Lafayette St., Salem; Dan Tremblay 978-777-2711.

House of Seven Gables, open daily 10 a.m.-5 p.m., \$10 (2 for 1 admission for Essex County residents with proof of residency), 54 Turner St., Salem; 978-744-0991, www.7gables.org.

Stephen Phillips Memorial Trust House, tours Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., free, 34 Chestnut St., Salem, Mass.; 978-744-0440.

Meetings/Activities

Public skating, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, 10:30-11:50 a.m., additional Friday 7:30-8:50 p.m., Sundays 1:30-2:50 p.m., \$3 admission, rental skates available, Chelmsford Forum, Brick Kiln Road, North Billerica; 978-670-3700 or fmcarenas.com.

Adult English classes, sponsored by the Asian Center of the Merrimack Valley Inc., 3-month program of classes on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings, 9-11 a.m., preschool available for children ages 3 to 5 with parents enrolled in classes; 978-683-7316.

New England Classical Singers, under artistic director David Hodgkins, rehearsals are held at South School in Andover; 978-474-6090 or www.newenglandclassical.org.

cal.org.

American Legion Andover Post 8, second Wednesday of the month, September to June, 7 p.m., Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlett St.; Ted Witman 978-683-9988.

Amnesty International, Merrimack Valley Chapter, meets second Monday of the month, McQuade Library, Merrimack College, 7:30 p.m.; Leslie 978-475-6960.

Andover Great Books Group, meets second and fourth Tuesdays, discusses book of the week, activity room, Memorial Hall Library, 7:30-9 p.m.; Jean McGreehan 603-667-9610.

Andover Tennis Club, for men, women and children, recreational singles, doubles and mixed doubles play at the intermediate level, \$65 family membership, \$40 single membership, Phillips Academy, www.andovertennis.org.

Bel Canto Singers, rehearsals Thursday evening, 7:30-9 p.m., St. John the Evangelist Church, 115 Middlesex St., North Chelmsford; 978-256-0783.

Business Network International (BNI), Wednesdays, 7:30 a.m., Denny's, Route 114, Lawrence; Edna 978-640-8919, or Steve 978-975-1328.

Business Network International, Haverhill Chapter, Fridays 7:30 a.m., Best Western Hotel, 401 Lowell Ave., Haverhill, 603-475-3503, or www.bni-haverhill.org.

Choral Arts Society, for information and to audition call: Rick Seaman 603-382-5070, or Shelia Kanan 978-373-4990.

Country line dancing, Stompers Country Line Dance Production will have line dancing every Wednesday and Sunday, 7-11 p.m., GuestHouse Inn & Suites, Exit 47, I-93, Methuen.

Community men's chorus, the Men's Chorus of New England, formed by Treble Chorus of New England at Merrimack College with Richard Barney conducting, 5:30-7 p.m., Tuesdays, West Parish Church, Andover; Anne O'Neill 978-837-5461.

Drum and Dance Circle, rhythm instruction and improvisation drumming, meets fourth Friday of the month, Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Andover, 6 Locke St.; 978-470-1134.

Embroiderers Guild of America, Merrimack Valley Chapter, dedicated to teaching and preserving needlework as an art form, third Tuesday of the month, September through May, 7 p.m., Tewksbury Congregational Church, Main and East streets, Tewksbury; Rosemary Carter 978-893-0959, mvc-membership@neonflamingo.com.

Exsultet!, a chamber choir, rehearsals Mondays, 7:30-10 p.m., Holy Trinity United Methodist Church, 16 Sylvan St., Danvers; Richard Larrage 781-329-1741.

Folk dance, Skirts and Flirts Square Dance Club, weekly Thursday classes, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Shawshen Elementary School, Shawshen and Hopkins streets (Route 12), Wilmington; 978-658-4022 or 978-658-3480.

Grandparents as Parents Resource Network of Greater Lowell, second Tuesday of the month, 7:30 p.m., Memorial Hospital, Lowell; Rachelle Comtois 978-459-3242.

Learn to line dance, the Knights of Columbus hosts a line dance class every Monday evening, beginners welcome, doors open 6:30 p.m., instruction will start 7 p.m., Knights of Columbus, 2068 Main St., Tewksbury; 1-800-233-4ADJ.

Lowell Opera Company, new members welcome, auditions not required. Rehearsals are held Monday.

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His camera tames wild landscapes

Joe Schatz is the monthly artist at Memorial Hall Library

THE PHOTOGRAPHY OF Joe Schatz, artist of the month, is on exhibit at Memorial Hall Library.

Entitled "American Landscapes," his exhibit runs through the end of September. It includes photographs of New England; Maine's Monhegan Island, Acadia National Park, the lupines of New Hampshire, and the Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge in Concord, as well as photographs of the Yellowstone, the Southwest Arches and Canyonlands national parks, and Monument

Valley.

An engineer by training, Schatz has been a serious amateur photographer for more than 40 years. Skilled and practiced in both the art and science of photography, Schatz has been a volunteer photographer for numerous church and youth organizations, and has taught the craft to local youth.

An accomplished local photographer, Schatz won first place in the photographic competition during Acton's 250th anniversary celebration, and his photos have appeared in local

press and national publications.

Schatz's primary interest, however, is in landscape photography. He loves "the wild" and has traveled to and photographed many of America's natural wonders, ranging from Acadia National Park in Maine to Monument Valley and Canyonlands in the Southwest. Most recently, Schatz's work has been exhibited at the Tsongas Gallery at Walden Pond, the Weston Library, the Owens Smith Shuman Gallery at the Groton Library, and the Concord Library.

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day nights at 7:30 p.m. at Christ Church United, 6 Bartlett St., Lowell; 978-441-6926. www.operallowell.org.

Memorial Hall Library, Merrimack Valley Quilters. Artist of the Month, book discussion every fourth Wednesday of the month, 7:30 p.m., Elm Square; www.mhl.org.

Men's woodcarving group meets on Mondays at 9 a.m. on a drop-in basis at Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlett St.; 978-623-8321.

Merrimack Valley Camera Club. Wednesdays, 7:15 p.m., Trinitarian Congregational Church, 72 Elm St., North Andover; 978-686-0900 or www.merrimackvalleychamber.com.

Merrimack Valley People for Peace, fourth Tuesday of each month, 7:30 p.m., North Parish Unitarian Church, Old North Andover Center; 978-661-9009, www.merrimackvalleypeopleforpeace.org.

Merrimack Valley Music Teachers Association, non-profit group meets the first Monday of the month, October-May; membership is open to new or established private music instructors; activities include lectures, recitals, masterclasses, and teacher exchanges; Jody Brickman 978-470-3509.

Merrimack Valley Hospice, meets weekly; beginning Sept. 20, a six-week spousal support group, "Beginning the Grief Journey," 6-7:30 p.m., St. Michael's Parish Hall, 196 Main St., North Andover; Judy 978-552-4376.

Merrimack Toastmasters Club, second and fourth Thursday of month, guests welcome, 7 p.m. Stevens Memorial Library, 345 Main St., North Andover; Bill Cashman 978-475-0721.

Merrimack Valley Chorus, a women's a cappella group, rehearsals Thursdays 7:30 p.m., a special a cappella workshop this summer for all women interested in singing, Wilmington Arts Council Building, Route 62, Wilmington; 978-851-7764 or www.merrimackvalleychorus.com.

Methuen Community Band rehearses every other Thursday 7-9 p.m., all instruments and levels of skills welcome, band room, Methuen High School, 1 Ranger Road, Methuen; Lori 978-794-1973.

Middlesex Singers, mixed chamber music chorus, rehearsals Mondays, 7:30 p.m., First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, 2 Westford St., Chelmsford; Pat Moore 978-256-7143.

Mother Connection, a non-profit organization serving mothers and children, offers a newsletter, a play-space for children under 5, Mondays and Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m., new moms' coffee, playgroup link-ups, children's parties and adventures, workshops, support groups and more, \$25 for one year, Elizabeth 978-475-5953, or Jen 978-470-0897, or www.themotherconnection.org.

Mother Circle, a non-profit group that meets the needs of stay-at-home moms, discuss and hear a range of topics from sibling rivalry to maintaining one's sanity, childcare provided, New England Bible Church; www.nebible.org.

Newburyport Choral Society, rehearses Mondays, 7:30-10 p.m., Central Congregational Church, corner of Pleasant and Titcomb streets, Newburyport; 978-462-0650.

Newburyport Civil War Roundtable, meets first Monday each month, Ten Center Street Restaurant, 10 Center St., Newburyport,



From the Republic of Moldavia, these young acrobats perform athletic feats on the teeterboard, including a quintuple somersault. The stars of the Moscow State Circus will perform at Shriver's Auditorium in Wilmington next weekend, Aug. 12 and 13. For more information, check out www.moscowcircusstars.com.

7:30 p.m., Victoria Ladd 978-373-1723, or Kevin Brightney 978-465-2215.

Newcomers Club of the Andovers, social club for residents of Andover and North Andover, variety of activities, membership open to new and established residents; Joanne Rico 978-681-0304 or jmrco@comcast.net, www.newcomerscluboftheandovers.org.

North Parish Quilters, meet the second Wednesday of each month, September through June, refreshments available, doors open at 6:30 p.m., meetings begin at 7, new members welcome, guest fee \$5, Union Congregational Church, 148 Haverhill St., North Reading; Susan Reichter, 978-475-6973.

North Reading Community Chorale, invites anyone who enjoys singing to join their rehearsals Mondays at 7:30 p.m., at Hood School, Haverhill Street, North Reading; 978-664-3594.

North Regional Theatre Workshop, men and women needed to perform in a holiday concert, rehearsals Tuesdays 7 p.m., Wilmington Arts Center, 159 Church St., Wilmington; 978-681-0355 or www.nrtwine.com.

North Shore Chorus, Broadway Lutheran Church, 280 Broadway, Lynn; Cheryl 978-825-9122.

North Shore Youth Symphony Orchestra, rehearses every Monday in the late afternoon/early evening, at Ipswich High School, includes musicians ages 7-18 who perform with either the Youth Symphony intermezzo or prelude string sections of the orchestra; Trudy Larson 978-685-7844 (audition).

The Northshoremens, an all-men's chorus singing 4-part harmony in

the Barbershop style, 978-927-7894, www.harmonize.com/northshoremens/index.htm.

Sacred Choral Artists, seeking

additional singers (all parts), rehearsals begin in September, Monday nights, Christmas and spring concert, West Congregation-

al Church, Haverhill; Susan 978-681-6672 or www.sacred-choralartists.org.

Single Eighty Square Dance Club, 6 p.m., 1st Congregational Baptist Church, Massachusetts Avenue and Route 125, North Andover, Carol 978-851-7876.

Single Life Reading chapter, open to singles over age 21, Andover meetings, Nigel 978-794-4427.

Sons of Norway, Morgenstien 545, meets the second Friday of the month, September-May, Masonic Temple, Beverly; Valerie C. Faxon 978-462-2439.

Social Connection, a singles group for ages 30-60; 800-628-7651.

Square-dancing, teens, couples, and singles, Mondays, Armvets Hall, Primrose Street, Haverhill, 8 p.m., Jeanne 617-279-4328 or Eddie 774-7266.

Stompers, high-energy country line/couples dancing, beginner line dance fundamentals, first Wednesday of the month, 7-11 p.m., lessons at 7:30 and 9 p.m. Couples dance lesson Fridays at 9 p.m., dancing 7 p.m.-1 a.m. Beginner fundamentals every Thursday, 7-10 p.m., GuestHouse Inn & Suites, 159 Pelham St., Exit 47 off I-93, Methuen, \$6-\$8; Mike Pelletier 603-898-7976, or Caryn Mercanetti 978-397-8222.

South Asia book discussion group, meets the second Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m., Memorial Hall Library, Elm Square; Champa B. Wakesh 978-475-3346 or Norma Gammon 978-623-8400.

Tewksbury Interfaith Choir, all voices welcome; 978-851-2809.

Tewksbury Treble Chorus of New England, children ages 7-17, rehearses weekly, call for audition, 978-837-5461.

Treble Chorus of New England, auditions Tuesdays, ages 6-16, Merrimack College, Turnpike Street, North Andover; Anne 978-837-5461.

Turkey Town Trotters Square Dance Club, Wednesdays, 7-10 p.m., Knights of Columbus Hall, Sutton Street, North Andover; 978-

682-3280 or 978-682-2403.

United Fly Tyers, dedicated to Fly Fishing and teaching people the "Art of Tying Flies," conducting teaching lessons at each monthly meeting from September to May, Knights of Columbus Hall, Burlington; Arthur C. Williams, acwilliams@bigplanet.com.

Yankee Doodle Cloggers, for ages 7-70+, meets Mondays, Union Congregational Church, 148 Haverhill St., North Reading, Claire 978-667-2752.

Support Groups

ADD/ADHD support group, meets third Thursday of every month, Belleville Church, 300 High St. Newburyport, Lisa England 978-948-7410.

AIDS Action of Andover Mothers Group, for mothers and other family members of people who are HIV positive or have AIDS, twice monthly, 978-475-2626.

Alcoholism - Adult children of alcoholics discussion meeting, Sunday, 11 a.m., Emerson Hospital Health Center, Route 110, Westford 978-251-3329 or 978-448-5802.

Alcoholism - Alateen, ages 12 and older, for teenagers affected by someone else's drinking, 7-8 p.m. every Wednesday, downstairs, Christ Church, 29 Central St., Andover; Dottie 978-851-7655.

Alcoholism - Al-Anon, for adults meets every Wednesday, 8-9:30 p.m., first floor, Christ Church, 29 Central St.; 978-475-0529.

Alcoholism - Al-Anon literature study group, Fridays, 10:30 a.m. noon, St. Anne's Church, King Street, Littleton; 978-256-9391 or 978-448-5002.

Alcoholism - Al-Anon meeting, Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., St. William's Church basement, Main Street (Route 38), Tewksbury; Dottie 978-851-7655.

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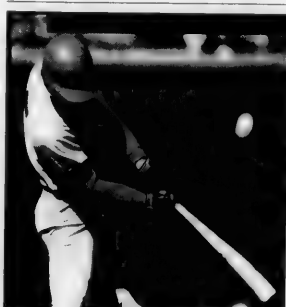
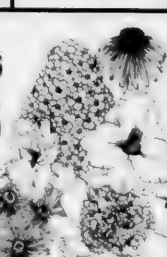


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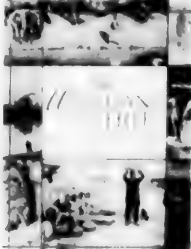
The Merchant and the Thief

BY RAVI ZACHARIAS

Reviewed by John Chartier and James Caron

This week, 16 year-old John and James are continuing their peek into the trials, tribulations, and hope brought upon humanity by religion.

The story takes place in a quiet village in India filled with pink buildings, fittingly called "the Pink Town." In this village live a rich man named Raj and a poor man named Mohan. Raj inherited his family's jewel business after his parents died when he was a child.



Mohan sells fruits and vegetables to the rich mansions in the village, one of which happens to be Raj's home. Quietly Mohan becomes jealous of the land and gardens of his rich customers and wishes he could provide these fineries for his own children.

Soon Mohan resorts to stealing, but it's a slow process. He begins by holding back a few cents of his customer's change, and taking a few more vegetables than he paid for. Eventually he becomes ready to steal something valuable. He devises a plan to follow Raj on his annual trip to see his brother. When he catches up with Raj, Mohan tries to gain his trust, however Raj isn't easily won and remains suspicious of Mohan and his shady intentions.

As is common practice in India, the two travelers are forced to share a room at each inn they encounter, and at each inn Mohan searches for the jewels that he suspects Raj brought with him.

One night Raj speaks with Mohan. "I know why you pretended to be my friend. You wanted my jewels. Although you thought you looked everywhere for them, there is one place you did not look. The treasure was nearer to you than you thought, for it was under your pillow all the time."

Mohan was too busy and too preoccupied with greed, searching Raj's belongings, to take the time to search his own.

The Merchant and the Thief is a superb picture book, with an excellent plot, and an even more powerful moral.

This is an excellent book for younger and more seasoned readers alike, and teaches an important lesson. The author, Ravi Zacharias, is a well-known speaker, author, and radio talk show host. He is from India, and his heart is still there, as this book demonstrates. The story is an ancient Indian folktale, but Zacharias adapts it to today's modern world. It becomes a parable about thankfulness and contentment with what one already has.

We recommend this book for families with younger children, although we are confident that anyone will enjoy it. Its positive lesson of the need for love among humanity sends a powerful message to today's world.

We give *The Merchant and the Thief* an eight out of 10. We believe it is a thoroughly enjoyable book for the family read-aloud, and sends a positive message at the same time. It shows how, through religion, many people have the ability to see past the faults of their fellow human beings and empathize with their struggles. Raj is able to see that even though Mohan is trying to steal from him, he needs the money and therefore decides to teach him a lesson he will remember for the rest of his life.

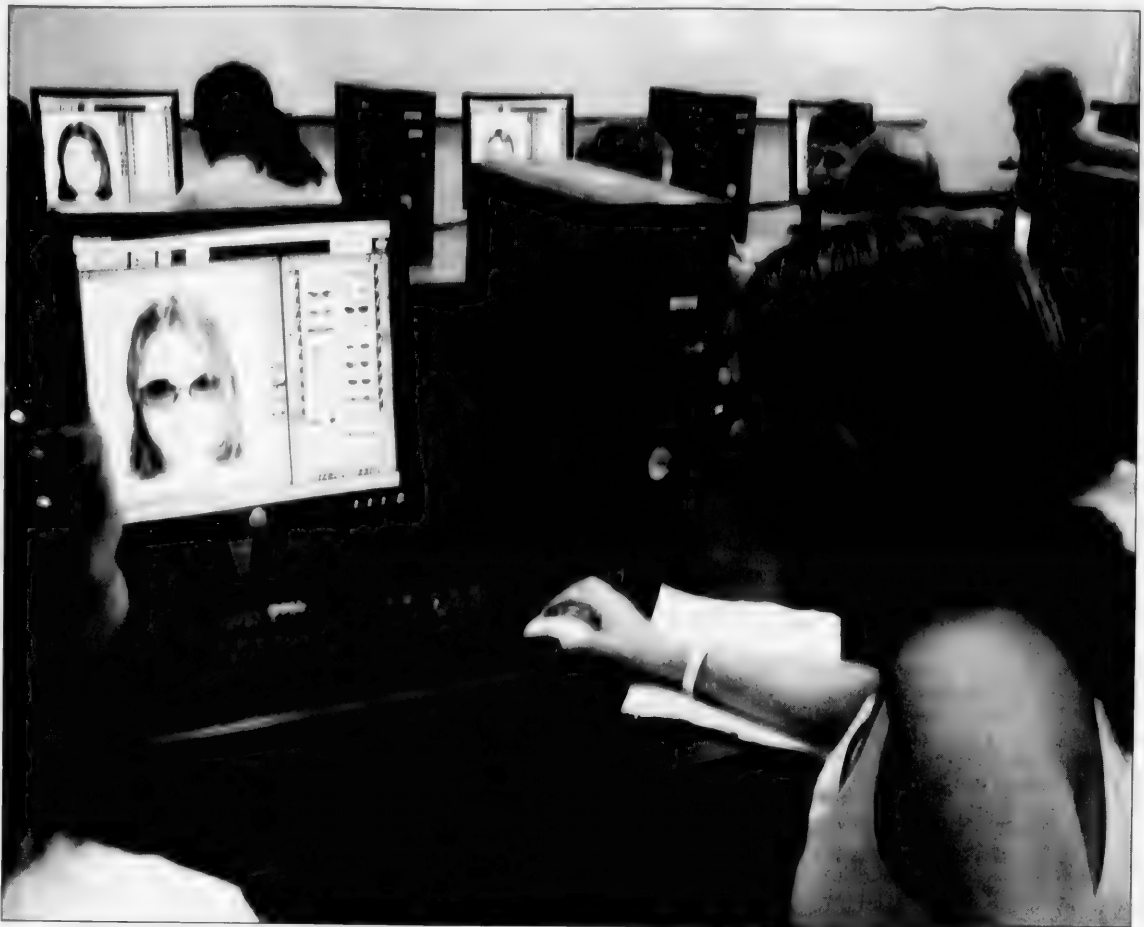
So head on down to your local library or bookstore and pick up a copy of Ravi Zacharias's *The Merchant and the Thief* today. Remember, people you encounter are not always what they seem.

ON CAMPUS

Nida Mirza of Andover graduated magna cum laude and as a Durant Scholar from Wellesley College, with a bachelor of arts degree. Mirza majored in psychology with coursework in economics. She was one of 66 inducted into Phi Beta Kappa, the national academic honor society. She was also elected into Psi Chi, the national psychology honor society, as a junior. Mirza received the Ella Smith Elbert '88 Prize for her research paper on racial groups and intelligence.

While at Wellesley, Mirza's activities included serving on the student council to the board of trustees, the board of admission, and the Wellesley Centers for

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Adriana Lucci (above and below, right) of Andover uses computer software to create a composite sketch of a classmate. Students in a UMass Lowell summer-session class learn to improve their power of recalling details as they study crime science.

What I did on my summer vacation: Solved crimes

UMass Lowell summer camp teaches young investigators about the basics

By Rita Savard

DIGGING UP HUMAN BONES might not be a typical way to spend summer vacation. But for Adriana Lucci, 14, and her brother John, 12, analyzing blood, hair and a few body parts is enabling them to piece together some unsolved mysteries just like the pros.

Modeled after the hit television series, *CSI: Crime Scene Investigation*, a UMass Lowell summer-camp session offers junior sleuths a crash course in forensics.

"I guess you could say it's always been sort of a fantasy of mine to save the day," laughs Adriana, divulging her longtime curiosity in learning more about crime science. "Every little kid wants to be a superhero at some point. Crime investigators are like real-life versions (of superheroes). You're helping people and it's interesting work at the same time."

By definition, forensic science is the investigation and application of scientific knowledge to answer questions in civil and criminal law.

"It's something that's not always apparent," says Martha Cohn, crime-science instructor. "It's also more complex than TV might lead viewers to believe."

In 1991, a Phoenix postal work-

er was accused of murdering a waitress. The Federal Bureau of Investigation's crime files report a forensic scientist testified that a bite mark on the victim matched the suspect's teeth. The postal worker was convicted and sentenced to death. Years later, other forensic scientists conducted DNA testing of saliva found on the victim's clothing. The tests revealed that the postal worker was innocent and helped identify the true murderer. Forensic science helped condemn an innocent man and then it redeemed him.

It is a field that is constantly growing and changing, says Cohn. Yet even at the most puzzling crime scene, forensic experts can count on one thing — there is always evidence left behind.

"The smallest fragments of human skin and hair can provide crucial clues to help investigators crack tough cases," Cohn says.

"But it is neither all blood and guts, nor very glamorous like TV can make it out to be. There's a lot of behind-the-scenes work going on to analyze and study data."

During the week-long course students work on fingerprint recovery and analysis, composite face modeling on computers, shoe-print casting, blood typing, bone excava-

tion and DNA sampling. Detectives from the Lowell Police Department also pay the class a visit to offer some tips on conducting effective investigations.

By this Friday, Cohn says her young crime investigators should be able to draw from their experiences to solve the class's own unsolved mystery: the case of the missing cellular phone.

On their first day of camp, students walked into a class roped off with caution tape where foot and fingerprints, a red liquid, white powder and a ransom note were scattered over the scene. Their mission is to figure out who was there. "Each exercise is really helping them to sharpen their observation skills," Cohn says.

Tuesday, Adriana and John tested their knack for detail while using computers to create composite sketches of their classmates.

"I watch *CSI* pretty regularly," says John, who searched to find the right nose and forehead for his subject. The computer drawing program he was using, called Faces, is a less sophisticated version of the same software system used by many law enforcement officials.

After trying out different hair-



styles, tattoos and eye shapes. John concluded that sketching was one of the more interesting jobs involved in forensics.

"It does make you think more about paying attention to the small details in a person's face," John says, adding that he could potentially see himself as a future FBI agent.

A strong background in biochemistry — and a curious nature — is required to work in crime science, says Cohn.

"Science, math, sociology, psychology and mystery to name a few; there are so many aspects involved in forensic study that it's a different job every day," Cohn says. "I guess we can credit all the *CSI* shows right now for sparking an interest with kids. We want to grab that interest and run with it so we can see them back in the fields of science when they're entering college."



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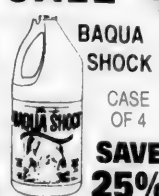
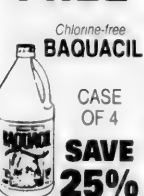
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West Middle students achieve 3rd-term honor roll

West Middle School has named the following students to the honor roll for Term 3:

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Kelsey Chapman
Theresa Cloutier
Meghan Collins
Meghan Conger
Daniel Conway
Jillian Conway
Edward Deane
Emily deLemos
Thomas Dempsey
Danielle DiCenzo
David DiStefano
Laura Dimitruk
Katherine Donohue
Sara Doyle
Bethany Dummermuth
Elizabeth Felter
David Field
Daniel Fisch
Derek Franzese
Chelsea Frei
Michael Galletti
Carly Golan
Andrea Greenberg
John Harrison
Robert Hillson

Kelsey Hodas
Annie Hudak
John Ingram
Abhiram Isengar
Joshua Jacobs
Olivia Johnson
Daniel Kloss
Panayioti Kostakis
Hannah Krieger
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Kaitlin Mara
Rebecca Matsumoto
Danielle McCullough
Courtney McDonald
Michelle Menezes
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Rebecca Noymer
Joseph Olney
Janki Patel
Kishan Patel
Joshua Riemer
Danielle Slausie
Chisato Suga
Caroline Szendey
Alice Tao
Conor Timmins
Natasha Vaz
Tyler Vaz
Brandon Wang
B. Waters
Alyson Wheelwright
Agnes Wong
Kevin Yang
Jennifer Zhou
Alexandra Zigmont

HONORS
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Joshua Canner
Jennifer Caro

Rory Carvalho
Anna Clark
Kathryn Conti
Shannon Conway
Brandon Cronin
Moir Cronin
Rachel Doolan
Laura Drew
Alexander Driscoll
Abigail Durland
Hayley Finn
Hanna Fitzgerald
Amanda Gusovsky
Jaclyn Hodas
Jessica Hunzelman
Benjamin Jenkins
William Keller
William Kieckhafer
Caleb Lynch
Sean MacDonald
Carli Markus
Alison Marlow
Tyler McGarry
Patrick McGinn
Christopher McMullen
Morgan Messina
Frank Mulcahey
Braden Nieburger
Jason Page
Alexandra Perry
Shannon Quinlan
Alexander Ravin
Lindsay Reilly
Taylor Richardson
Colin Rivet
Thomas Rizzo
Michael Schneider
Kevin Sharrlo
Emily Shields
Sean Smith
Amy Tanner

John Taylor
Timothy Walker
Kara Walsh

Grade 7

HIGH HONORS

Kevin Anderson
Samantha Arnold
Kayla Baldwin
Jonathan Chan
Krishnan Chandra
Alyssa Cummings
Cassandra Drivas
Taryn Ferguson
Emily Finneran
Julie Frish
Sean Gibson
Rosemary Greeley
Colleen Hespeler
Shane Huggins
Christina Iannalfo
Rebecca Jacobs
Kayla Kantola
Mathew Kelley
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Mirela Maier
Andrea Manning
Victoria Markus
Rebecca Marton
Conor McAuliffe
Michaela McIver
Molly McLaughlin
Sean Montgomery
Enn O'Kelly
Abraham Oh
Stacy Ota

Kelsey Perkins
Abbey Pettoruto
Hannah Pratt
Michael Prencipe
Kristofer Riemer
Brittany Ross
Kelly Rousmaniere
Nicholas Schumacher
Andrea Schweitzer
Zachary Silberman
Colleen Stewart
Emily Stidsen
Tyler Streb
Lindsey Surette
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Carly Wareham
Aaron Yang
Monica Yim

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Carly Allen
Alexandra Alois
Jeffrey Birenbaum
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Eric Bryden
Mary Buck
Nicholas Burdeau
Elizabeth Callery
Brian Caveney
Wei-Chieh Chu
Mackenzie Dezieck
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Grade 8

HIGH HONORS

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ON CAMPUS

■ NIDA MIRZA

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Women board of overseers.

She also was an executive-board member of the Wellesley Association for South Asian Cultures and the Wellesley Psychology Club.

She was a rape/sexual assault peer advocate and a mental health educator. During internships, she worked at a residential treatment center for at-risk adolescent girls and at a domestic violence/sexual assault agency and women's shelter.

She conducted and presented research on stress and coping at a women's college. She also studied abroad with the Wellesley-in-India program. She intends to pursue psychology in the future.

Mirza, a 2001 graduate of Andover High School, is the daughter of Himayun and Naheed Mirza.

Stephen R. Draheim of Hampton Lane received the Leadership and Excellence Award from Army ROTC at the College of William and Mary. Draheim just completed his freshman year at the Williamsburg, Va., college.

Draheim's ROTC unit, "The Revolutionary Guard Battalion," is one of the oldest in the country. The Leadership and Excellence Award is given annually to outstanding students in Military Science.

He was also inducted into the Pershing Rifles, a national military fraternity, and participated in their annual drill team competition at Indiana University.

In a special program for college students in Army ROTC, Draheim enlisted in the Virginia National Guard and is spending his summer vacation on active duty in Basic Training at Ft. Sill, Okla.

Draheim, 19, is a graduate of Phillips Academy. He is the son of

Tom and Nancy Draheim.

Jeff R. Webber, a 2001 AHS graduate, graduated June 4 from the University of Denver with a bachelor of arts degree in psychology. Webber now lives in San Diego, Calif. He is the son of Jeff A. and Deborah A. Webber, who live in the Washington, D.C. area.

Erin C. Daly, daughter of Dr. William C. Daly of Andover, and a 2001 AHS graduate, recently graduated magna cum laude from the University of Denver.

Daly received a bachelor of science in biology, and completed two minors in chemistry and psychology. She graduated with university honors, and received the Distinguished Thesis Award for her undergraduate honors thesis in biology.

She currently lives in Denver, Colo. and will be moving to New Zealand in August to work abroad for one year.

When she returns, Daly plans to further her education and interest in the health sciences field.

Matthew Frank Rotman of Andover received his bachelor of arts degree, cum laude, from Columbia University during commencement exercises held May 18 in New York City.

Rotman, who majored in economics/political science, was the coordinator of the Project Health Asthma Swimming program in Harlem, a four-year participant in the chamber-music program, and president of *The Collection*, a Columbia literary and humor publication.

He will attend NYU Law School in the fall.

The son of Stephen and Nancy Rotman, he is a 2001 graduate of Phillips Academy.

LOCAL SCHOLARS

Brooks School announced that Alexandra B. Caffrey of Andover, a member of the class of '06, has been awarded an Environmental and Cultural Sciences Internship with the Quebec Labrador Foundation (QLF) as part of the school's first merit-based science internships of "Students on the Front of Science." The internship program is designed for students in the biomedical and bioengineering sciences.

This hands-on summer program was developed to expose students to research, technology and real-world issues in the sciences today, and better prepare them to be leaders.

Caffrey is working on the northern Quebec coast for five weeks on a team that will help the residents of rural communities protect their environment, preserve their natural and cultural heritage, build local leadership and develop sustainable economies.

This program also features a homestay component, allowing her to live with a family in the rural community she is working to sustain. She will be working with staff at QLF to develop her own course of study.

For over four decades, QLF has worked in rural communities of eastern Canada and New England to help residents.

Programs focus on environmental health, wildlife conservation and biodiversity, marine conservation, education and training, stewardship and cultural heritage development.

Austin Preparatory School in Reading celebrated its 40th commencement on Sunday, June 5 as diplomas were awarded to graduates.

The following Andover students received diplomas from Austin Prep (awards and post-graduation plans follow students' names):

Tyler Bishop - Suffolk University.



Brian Coffey



Caitrin Coffey

Austin Preparatory School students Brian Coffey and Caitrin Coffey were among several locals recognized at the school's annual awards ceremony.

Brian Coffey, National Honor Society member, National Merit Scholar, the Medal for Mathematics, the Medal for Physical Science, the Medal for Russian - Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Heather Deliaigo, the Medal for Business Administration - UMass Amherst.

Kristin Lunger - Santa Barbara City College.

Conor Mogan - Saint Anselm College.

Sarah Weidlein, National Honor Society member - Cornell University.

A number of Andover residents were recognized at Austin Preparatory School's recent awards banquet. Students were honored for achievement in academics, extracurricular activities, and athletics.

Andover award recipients include: Brendan Burke, class of 2010 - Science Olympiad Award - Life Science.

Patrick Burke, class of 2006 - National Latin Exam - Latin V Silver Medal & Maxima Cum Laude Certificate, Science Olympiad Award - Chemistry.

Brian Coffey, class of 2005 - Russian Club Award, International Russian

Essay Contest - Silver Medal, National Russian Essay Contest - Gold Medal, New England Club Award, President's Education Award.

Caitrin Coffey, class of 2006 - the Merrimack College Book Award, French IV Certificate of Honor.

Melissa Pettini, class of 2008 - Science Olympiad Award - Biology.

Jaclyn Todisco, class of 2006 - Science Olympiad Award - Chemistry.

Sarah Weidlein, class of 2005 - National Spanish Exam Award, President's Education Award.

Alexandra Yuschik, class of 2007 - National Latin Exam - Latin III Gold Medal and Summa Cum Laude Certificate.

Emily Zinsmeister, class of 2009 - National Latin Exam - Magna Cum Laude Certificate.

Austin Preparatory School announced that the following students from Andover have made the honor roll for the fourth quarter of the 2004-05 academic year.

Distinction indicates no grade lower than A- and honors indicates no grade lower than B-.

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William Green, Grade 7

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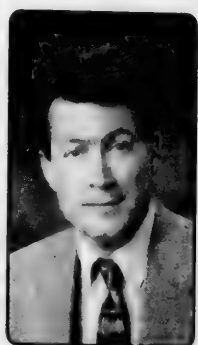
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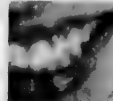
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 Bridget Sheehy, Grade 9
 Anya Sokolova, Grade 7
 Sarah Weidlein, Grade 12
 Katherine Weidlein, Grade 9
 Emily Zinsmeister, Grade 8

Worcester Academy held its 171st commencement exercises June 11 on the Quadrangle at the school's Worcester campus. Students receiving diplomas included Kyle Ahern of Andover.

Andover resident Joanna Coombs was honored at the 125th Prize Day ceremonies at Newton Country Day School of the Sacred Heart.

Coombs, a fifth-grader, received a red ribbon award for earning a grade average of B+ and above with no grade below a B-.

Three Andover students were among those recognized at Middlesex School in Concord, Mass. for their scholarly achievements in the fall 2004-05 semester.

The distinction of high honors was awarded to senior Tom Cahill '05, who achieved a scholastic average of 90 percent or above.

The distinction of honors was awarded to the following students for achieving a scholastic average of between 85 and 89.9 percent: Katie Cormier '07, and Zach O'Donnell '07.

Also at Middlesex School, two Andover residents were among the seniors who graduated on Memorial Day this year.

Thomas Cahill received his Middlesex diploma and is heading to Hobart and William Smith Colleges in the fall.

Having received his diploma, Tim Hughes will attend the College of the Holy Cross in the fall. Hughes was a co-captain of the varsity baseball team this past spring and was named All-League for his outstanding play during the season.

Junior Zach O'Donnell earned special recognition at the annual Prize Day ceremony, held the evening before graduation. For his significant contribution to athletics at Middlesex, O'Donnell was a recipient of the Class II Alumni Athletic Prize. A member of the boys' varsity baseball team this past

season, he earned an All-League Honorable Mention and was elected a co-captain of the 2006 team. He will also be a co-captain of the varsity football and the varsity ice hockey teams next year.

The following Andover High School students were not reported as being on the honor roll for Term 3. Their names had been inadvertently omitted from the list supplied by the school. Receiving honors were 10th-graders Rohit Sangal, Hannah Stidsen, Sarah Stras, Jeffery Salvesen and Mark Pelletier.

St. John's Preparatory School recently announced the names of students who earned honors for the third quarter of the school year.

Several local students' names were inadvertently omitted from the list supplied by the school. The school announced that Evan Cooke of Andover, a member of the class of '06, was named to the honor roll at St. John's Preparatory School for the third quarter by earning grades of B or above in all courses.

St. John's Preparatory School announced the names of students who earned academic honors for the fourth quarter of the 2004-05 school year. Students who qualified for the headmaster's list earned grades of A- or above in all courses; students who qualified for the principal's list earned grades of B+ or above in all courses; and students who qualified for the honor roll earned grades of B or above in all courses.

Andover students named to the headmaster's list for the fourth quarter of the 2004-05 school year were: Daniel Ravens '05, Dante Smith '08, and Geoffrey Wuehrmann '05.

Andover students named to the principal's list were: Robert H. Bradley '06, Stephen Chan '07, Evan Cooke '06, Christopher Gibson '06, Christopher McDonough '08, and Luke Miller '07.

Andover students named to the honor roll were: Andrew Rance '06, Samuel Rauseo '07, Corey Richard '07, Sean Riley '06, and Richard Sawyer '06.

Toby Cohen of Andover, has been named to the academic honor roll for the winter term at Northfield Mount Hermon School, in Northfield.

Kara Crowley of 1 Keystone Way completed her junior year at Central Catholic. At the school's academic awards ceremony, Crowley won the silver medals in Science, Math and



Elana Cogliano



Christopher Muscatello



Carolyn Sebasky



Daniel Desruisseau

French. She also won the Bausch & Lomb Science Award. She is a member of the National Honor Society and the varsity tennis team.

Four students from Andover were honored during this year's Cum Laude Day at Lawrence Academy this spring.

Three students were inducted into the Cum Laude Society that recognizes students in chapters across the nation for academic excellence.

Elana Cogliano, inducted as a senior, was also presented the Class of 1965 Prize for Theatre, which is awarded to that senior who shows the most outstanding achievement in the field of theatre. Cogliano performed as a dancer, singer, and actor throughout her school career.

Also inducted were junior Christopher Muscatello and senior Carolyn Sebasky. Junior Daniel Desruisseau was presented the Holmes Prize, which recognizes a student for demonstrating an outstanding proficiency in either math or computer programming and for best emulating the qualities of excellence and dedication that were characteristic of a mathematics and computer science teacher at Lawrence from 1968 to 1981.

Lawrence Academy's chapter of the Cum Laude Society was established in 1935.

Jessica White, a ninth-grader at the Holderness School in Plymouth, N.H., has been named to that school's third-quarter high honor roll, posting an academic average of better than 90.

This winter, White also worked in the school's on-campus student jobs program, qualified for the Eastern Junior Championships in freestyle skiing, and in March took part in Artward Bound, a two-week period of intensive instruction in the arts from a number of visiting professionals.

The following Andover students were named to the Brooks School honor roll for the spring 2005 semester. The categories of honors are as follows:

HIGHEST HONORS (for maintaining an average of 92 or above):
 Senior: Shyam Kannan

Junior: Joseph Malamey
 Freshman: Kaitlyn Riley

HIGH HONORS (for maintaining an average of 88 or above):
 Senior: James Scully
 Juniors: Alexandra Caffrey and Adam Rousmaniere
 Freshman: Arjun Kannan

HONORS (for maintaining an average of 85 or above):
 Seniors: Emily Schwarz and Stephanie Miller
 Juniors: Ayesha Ahmed, Angela Latona, David Rountree, Duncan Will, Chelsea Portney, Kaitlyn Conway and J. Tonelli
 Sophomore: David Arrigg
 Freshmen: Jessica Waters, Jennifer Hyslip and Michael Nickerson

Pingree School in South Hamilton announced its second semester honor roll. The following Andover students earned honors:

Honor roll (average of 89 or higher): Molly Baird '06, Kimberly Carey '07, Caroline Gerber '08

Headmaster's list (average of 85 or higher): Kathryn Nugent '06

Kaitlin M. Picard of Andover has been named an All-American Scholar At-Large Award Winner.

Picard will appear in the All-American Scholar Official Yearbook, which is published nationally by the United States Achievement Academy. The academy recognizes fewer than 10 percent of all American high school students, selecting All-American Scholar winners based on a student's grade-point average, student achievements, and a well-balanced schedule of academics and extracurricular activities.

New Hampton School in New Hampton, N.H. announced that Mark Mazza, a graduate in the class of 2005 at New Hampton, has been placed on the honor roll for the 2004-05 spring term.

During the spring term, Mazza participated in varsity golf.

The following students from Andover were named to the high honor roll or honor roll for

the second semester at Governor Dummer Academy in Byfield, a preparatory school for grades 9 through 12.

High honors: Meghan Doherty, sophomore; Nicholas Caro, junior; Samuel Adams, senior; Jennifer Muscatello, senior.

Honor roll: Kurt Berthiaume, freshman; Margaret Hughes, freshman; Matthew Krzywicki, freshman; Jeffrey Muscatello, freshman; Joseph Cartolano, sophomore; Kathryn Malleck, junior; David Shack, junior.

Also, Nicholas Caro of Andover recently received the Carl J. Pescosolido Jr. Athletic Award presented to a junior boy at Governor Dummer Academy whose academic and athletic performance exhibit character and commitment to excellence.

The 17th Annual Massachusetts Science Poetry Contest had several local winners.

Grade 8 students Alex Dumitrescu and Colleen Shannon from Doherty Middle School were the first-place winners in the category of Best Foreign Language Poem (Romanian), with an English translation.

Grade 8 students Brittany Peck and Liz Scoble, also from Doherty, were the first-place winners in the category of Best Cooperative Poem (two or more authors).

Many of the best poems that judges receive carefully describe or explain some aspect of science in a creative way. The illustrations are interesting and enhance the ideas in the poems. Students can write about any science topic. Some sample topics include: scientists and the history of science, inventions, observations in nature, plants and animals, the human body, life cycles, weather, the earth, the solar system, space travel, constellations, time, electricity, magnetism, chemical reactions, and the laws of physics.

The best poems seem to be about subjects that students are passionate about, judges said.

In some elementary schools, teachers (sometimes with the assistance of the science, reading, and art teachers) will introduce poetry to students by reading aloud, and then begin helping them to write about their experiences with science observations or an experiment on a topic they are studying. The teacher then leads students to condense their thoughts and knowledge into some form of poetry. In some middle schools, the science and English (and sometimes reading and art) teachers cooperate in one grade to teach students to write poetry

about a chosen science topic or experience.

Categories include:
 Most Original Poem: Unique view of a science subject
 Most Humorous Poem: Fun with a science topic
 Most Expressive Poem: Sets a mood or conveys emotion about science

Best Long Poem: A science ballad or poem with 5 or more verses

Best Cooperative Poem: A science poem with 2 or more authors

Best Multi-Grade Cooperative Poem: A science poem with 2 or more authors in different grades

Best Foreign Language Poem: A science poem in any language, from students who are bilingual, are in language-immersion classes, or are studying a foreign language.

Best Photo-Illustrated Poem: For students in grade 6, 7, and 8, using an original, student-created photograph to illustrate a science poem.

Thomas Pedulla, an

Andover resident, graduated from the eighth grade at Andover School of Montessori. He will be attending St. John's Preparatory School in Danvers in the fall.

Michael T. Mager of Andover, a member of the class of 2005, graduated from Cushing Academy in Ashburnham on Friday, June 3.

Also at Cushing Academy, in an athletic awards ceremony in May, Jillian M. Espinola of Andover, a member of the class of 2007, was awarded a varsity letter as a member of Cushing's varsity sports teams during the 2005 spring term. Espinola also received the Bette Davis Award during graduation exercises on June 3. This award honors an underclassman for his or her academic or athletic accomplishments.

Residents from Andover recently achieved academic honors for the year at Belmont Hill School.

Students from Andover are Andrew Jeffrey Liu, high honors; and Colin Pearce Hutzler, honors. They also received the same honors for the third quarter.

High honors is granted to boys who earn an average of B+ or better in a four- or five-course program.

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Eighth-grader Kim Croteau of Cuba Street graduated from the Abundant Life Christian School.

She received the School Board Award of Excellence.

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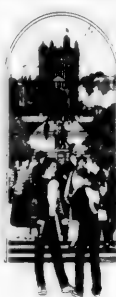
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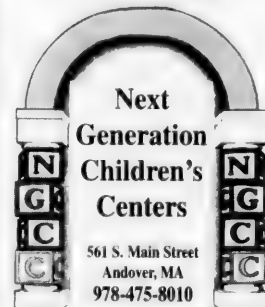
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Townspeople



Amy and Steve Pekock glide with the music during Tuesday night's ballroom dancing class.



Zoe Hastings and Chris Desjardins learn to dance at the ballroom dancing class offered by DCS this summer.

Going with the flow

Couples learn to dance away the summer in DCS program

By Greta Cuyler

THEIR FACES ARE SCRUNCHED in concentration and occasionally they mutter intently to each other. And there are definitely sore toes.

It's the third session of a six-week ballroom dancing course sponsored by the Department of Community Services. Tuesday night's class at the Senior Center focused on the Spanish-style merengue. Maybe it wasn't the night to wear open-toed shoes.

But after 15 minutes of dancing and encouraging words from instructor Steve White, the couples begin to relax and there is plenty of laughter and good-natured ribbing.

The students' outfits run the gamut from the T-shirt and shorts look to the lawyer's dress code complete with tie. It does-

n't matter. Tonight they are all here to learn how to dance.

Amy and Steve Pekock signed up for the class to prepare for a September wedding featuring only ballroom and swing dancing. Steve Pekock also has an ulterior motive for signing up. Ever since Amy Pekock placed third in her division at a national ice skating competition a few years ago, he's been looking for a hobby for the two of them. "This is the one way I don't have to put on skates to keep up with her," he says.

Most couples signed up for the class as a fun activity to do together. Others came with a specific goal in mind.

Chris and Deb Bates signed up to get a head start on their dancing prowess for Deb's brother's wedding, although no date has been set yet. They plan to practice their newfound dancing skills once the DCS class is finished

so they keep their skills freshly honed.

Instructor White, a tall, thin willowy dancer, demonstrates the essence of Latin dance to his students. "It's all about the hip action," he says. The key to mastering those gyrating hips is simple: just pretend you're walking up a tiny flight of stairs. The movement is all in the legs. Another trick? Students should imagine waiting at a bus stop, shifting weight from foot to foot as irritation grows over the

bus's tardiness.

Once students master the merengue, they have the gist of Spanish dance, says White. "If you take a merengue, slow it down, it's a bolero; speed it up a little and it's a cha cha," he says.

By the end of the evening, there's more twirling than stepping on toes. The students even master what looks like a human pretzel dance, where a couple starts off dancing face to face, then turns into a back-to-back position and then twists forward again. White calls this "back-to-back turns."

Seventy-six people are enrolled in DCS's three summer dance classes, including beginner and advanced ballroom classes and a swing-dancing class. All are taught by White, owner of the White Studios in Melrose.

The Bateses call White "engaging and personable," and say he helps alleviate their awkwardness on the dance floor. Chris Bates still feels awkward at times, but it has nothing to do with White. "I do that all on my own," he says.

White claps encouragement to his dancers and gives them a nugget of wisdom: "As long as you keep moving, you'll be fine."



Deb and Chris Bates learn new skills on the dance floor.

TOWN TALK

Giving driving lessons

Chris Goodwin of Andover says he's always liked playing golf. Now he has another reason to like it.

Just five years after he first picked up his clubs at age 8, the soon-to-be eighth-grader knocked down a hole-in-one. Some people play their whole lives without ever scoring a hole-in-one. Chris achieved the feat at Middleton Golf Course, in front of his dad and three other players, while Chris was playing in the course's junior league.

"Everybody was just stunned," he says. "We were just staring at it."

Chris took up golf because his dad enjoys the sport and encouraged his son to join him in his passion. For the Goodwins, golf is very much a family sport.

"I golf in a league," Chris says, "but on regular days I golf with my dad."

Using a driver, Chris hit his hole-in-one on the course's 160-yard ninth hole.

The Wood Hill Middle School student likes to play baseball, basketball, and soccer when he's not on the golf course. Chris sank this, his first hole-in-one, on July 15.

—Alessandra Siraco
WHAT'S UP contributor

Benjamin Moore to the rescue

At least one resident would like to turn up the pressure on town officials to paint Andover's fire hydrants.

John A. Pasquale told selectmen on Monday that he's seen a variety of colors on hydrants since moving to Andover 11 months ago. Hydrants here are yellow and black, yellow and red, yellow and green, and rust-colored, he said. There is even a hydrant on Whittier Street that is surrounded by tiger lilies taller than the hydrant itself, he said.

"Maybe the town doesn't have any money. I thought I'd come and offer to paint it myself," said Pasquale, referring to the rust-colored hydrant in front of his house.

Public Works Director Jack Petkus told selectmen that Andover's hydrants are designated by a yellow base and red hat.

—Greta Cuyler

Missing the spotlight

With five businesses making a Best of Boston list, Andover's retail and restaurant scene is getting attention around Massachusetts. That attention continued last week, as the long-running channel 5 television show *Chronicle* was in town.

The television show filmed the five Best of Boston winners — except for the Andover Inn. Why was the Inn excluded?

"They called me and wanted me to set up a brunch. I said, 'WHAT?' It takes time to set up for brunch. My first cook is in at 6 a.m. for brunch at 11," explained innkeeper Henry Brookhoff. "I offered to set up three things in a corner, but they called back and said they found something else."

"We'll take the publicity, but we just couldn't do this one," he said.

Brookhoff is getting many reservation calls for brunch as a result of making the list, but delivers some bad news. Brunch is not served in the summer. Brunch resumes Sunday, Sept. 11 and costs \$32 per person.

—Judy Wakefield

THE FINISH LINE



A big check representing money from the Andover Days 5K Fun Run/Walk is given to Bill Fahey (left), Andover Youth Services director, for the proposed youth center, by co-race directors James Kapelson and Michael Arpin. The Andover Days 5K Fun Run/Walk, sponsored by the Andover Business Center Association, raised \$7,485 toward the Andover Youth Foundation's dream of a youth center.

FOR SENIORS

By Pat Becker

Andover Senior Center

Here are some of the activities coming up at the Andover Senior Center. Call 978-623-8321 for more information about any classes, programs or services.

Pennsylvania Dutch Trip: The center will sponsor a trip to Pennsylvania Dutch country the weekend of Aug. 26-28. The cost includes hotel accommoda-

'Beginning the Grief Journey' offered by Merrimack Valley Hospice

Merrimack Valley Hospice will be offering a six-week bereavement spousal support group "Beginning the Grief Journey" at St. Michael's Pastoral Center in North Andover on Tuesdays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. beginning Sept. 20, through Oct. 25.

The group will explore healing, reintegration and transformative grief and common signs of grief response. Various myths, and society's expectations and misconceptions about grief will also be discussed.

Judith Berube, MA, LMHC and Marijane Costello, LSW, from Merrimack Valley Hospice, will facilitate the sessions. They are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Judy at 978-552-4376.

tions (double occupancy), meals, farmer's market, dinner theater, tours and transportation from the center. Cost is \$350 for double occupancy, or \$450 for a single.

Garden Tours: We invite the public to enjoy touring some of Andover's loveliest home gardens. On Tuesday, Aug. 9 we will visit the woodland garden of Carol Prentice. Spaces are limited and pre-registration is necessary. Directions are available at the center.

Card Players: Our drop-in cribbage group meets Monday and Tuesday afternoons at 1, and our men's bridge group gets together every Thursday at 1 p.m. Newcomers are welcome in both groups.

Book Club: Our summer book discussion will continue today, Thursday, at 1 p.m. when we will discuss the Pulitzer Prize winner *The Angle of Repose* by Wallace Stegner. Copies of the book are available for checkout at the senior center.

Movie Matinee: On Monday, Aug. 8 at 1 p.m. we will show the recent release *In Good Company*. Dennis Quaid stars in this entertaining comedy about a "50-something" advertising executive with a new "20-something" boss, setting up a battle of the generations.

Computer Internet Class: Intro to the Internet: Tues-

days, Aug. 2, 9 & 16 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.; \$25. This class is for people who want to know more about the Internet, including service providers, navigating Web sites, search engines and links. We'll test some of the most popular sites, so you'll have an opportunity to search on your own. Limited spaces; pre-registration required.

Ogunquit Trip - On Your Own in Ogunquit: Choose how you want to spend the day: explore the Perkins Cove area, visit the Ogunquit Art Museum for the Edward Hopper exhibit on loan from the Whitney Museum in New York; or browse the many attractions in Ogunquit proper, on Tuesday,

Aug. 23. Cost is \$20.

Golf: Members of our men's group get together every Tuesday morning at 7:30 for a round of golf at the Tewksbury Country Club. Senior rate is \$15 for nine holes. If you'd like to join in, give Bob Henderson a call at 978-858-0815.

Lobster Bake & Spoon River: We will hold our annual lobster bake on Saturday, Aug. 20 at 6 p.m. After dinner come with us to a *Spoon River* performance where we'll meet 30 wild characters from the 1890s. Edgar Lee Masters' classic work is highly animated with period costumes and props. This one is usually sold out, so get your tickets (\$15) early;

advance reservations only.

Blood Pressure Checks: Nurses are available at the center every Wednesday afternoon at 2 for blood pressure checks. There is no charge for this service and reservations are not necessary.

Exercise Options: The senior center offers classes in strength training for women, Tai Chi, water workout, beginning and intermediate yoga, tap dancing, men's exercise, low-impact aerobics, cardio conditioning, easy exercise and square dancing. Fees and schedules are available at the center.

Massage Therapy: A licensed massage therapist is on

site at the center Monday mornings by appointment, offering seated, upper-body massages. Cost is just \$12 for a 20-minute appointment. Call the center if you would like to try out this great stress reliever.

Humor Club: The humor club will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 10 at 1:30 p.m. The gathering will feature a special presentation by the "Good Humor Guys." Refreshments will follow and everyone is welcome.

Exercise Registration: Registration for the fall semester of exercise classes will take place the week of Aug. 22. The 12-week fall semester will run from Sept. 6 through Nov. 25.

QUOTA INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS



Quota of Andover recently held its annual installation dinner meeting at the Tewksbury Holiday Inn. Kiki Schneider, the outgoing president, made opening remarks, followed by Maria Gaspar, who read the invocation. Following dinner, Diane Lebreque, recently named East Area director, introduced Quota's District 29 governor, Sandra Maisey. Maisey installed the following officers (above, from left): president, Carole Shwetz; president-elect, Nancy Faye Glass; secretary, Jackie Williamson; treasurer, Mary Smith; and directors Henrietta Araujo, Linda Hentschel, Louise Hadad and Marsha Cohen. Also, Maisey conducted the initiation of three new members: Sally Doocey, Lisa Nardone and Sandra Weisenhoff. Later in the evening, Schneider presented the Volunteer of the Year award to Mary Beth Nason, who has served as a former president-elect, president and chairwoman of the Ways and Means Committee for the past three years. Also, Louise Hadad and Mary Beth Nason presented the Merit Award to Beth Poulo for her many contributions to the club, among them her roles as past president-elect and president, along with serving on a variety of committees. The evening ended with closing remarks made by the new president, Carole Shwetz.

BIRTHS

DEANGELIS - A son, Dylan Richard DeAngelis, born to Richard and Christine DeAngelis of Marshfield, at the South Shore Hospital on June 17. Grandparents are Carol and Tom Zieser of Duxbury, and Richard and Christine DeAngelis of Cross Street. Dylan joins his big sister, Ava.

GRUENBERG - A son, Jack Stirling Gruenberg, born to Stephen and Elizabeth (Howe) Gruenberg of Andover on July 5. Grandparents are Cliff and Jane Howe of North Hampton, N.H. Great-grandparents are Douglas and Marie Howe of Andover. Jack joins his brothers, Joshua, 4, and Brendan, 1.

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In the late Triassic Period this area was near the equator. When the super continent broke apart into the modern continents, the climate took a dramatic change. Fossil evidence of this ancient tropical land lies in the Chinle formation, which is now exposed in the Petrified Forest National Park.

Today, the Petrified Forest is a dry, hot desert filled with trees and animals that were preserved in stone.

How did the ancient trees and wildlife become fossils?

As the trees died, they sank to the bottom of the marshes and were covered with dirt and other sediment.

Volcanoes to the west often erupted, spewing tons of ash into the atmosphere. Winds carried the ash into the area, where the ash fell back to earth. The ash washed into the marshes and dissolved in the water.

The volcanic ash contained the mineral called silica. The silica and water solution soaked down through the sediment and into the trees.

The solution filled the cells of the wood and sometimes replaced the rotted-away wood. It crystallized in place. When the climate changed, the marsh dried up. The silica got hard and changed into a glass-like stone called quartz.

The tree fossils show many details of the logs' original surfaces such as growth rings and knots. Other minerals including iron, carbon, and manganese joined with the quartz during the petrification process. This created the rainbow of colors that have been found in the logs.

About 60 million years ago, pressure inside the earth



Petrified Forest National Park holds the largest amount of petrified trees in the world.

caused the land of the Petrified Forest to bulge upward. This formed hills of sandstone, mudstone, clay, and siltstone. As the hills were worn away by wind and water, the stone logs and fossils were exposed.

Now the fossilized logs lie strewn across the hills and are found in cliff faces. The park is also full of fossils of plants, animals, insects, snails, crabs, amphibians, fish, reptiles, and dinosaurs.

President Theodore Roosevelt first protected the Petrified Forest in 1906. At that time the park consisted of 147 square miles or 93,533 acres. On Dec. 3, 2004 President George W. Bush signed a bill that expanded the boundary to about 218,533 acres.

Every year many people visit the National Park. Visitors are asked to not take anything from the park but pictures and memories. That way the area will still be intact when the Kid grows up and brings the grandkids to see it.

Newspaper search

Look through your newspaper for dates.
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Math challenge

There are 640 acres in a square mile. How many square miles are in the Petrified Forest National Park now?

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OBITUARIES

John B. Surret

Longtime resident
loved the Maine coast

John B. Surret, 70, of Goose Rocks Beach, Maine, and formerly a longtime resident of Andover, died Saturday, July 16, at Southern Maine Medical Center.

He was born in Arlington on April 20, 1935, the son of Howard L. Surret Sr. and Mary Elizabeth Cole. He received his primary education in Arlington schools before moving to Maine, where he graduated from Kennebunk High School. He earned a Navy ROTC Scholarship and graduated from Tufts University with a degree in Mechanical Engineering; and later an MBA from Northeastern University. In 1957, he attended flight school, and remained on active duty until 1962. He then transferred to the reserves where he completed 20 years of service, retiring as a full comman-

der. He was a pilot, and flew the P-2V Neptune reconnaissance aircraft. He spent four years in Okinawa flying with Patrol Squadron Four (VP-4).

He married Janet Millinchamp in Waterloo, Quebec, on Aug. 30, 1958. Mr. Surret and his brother, Howard, owned Dyar Sales and Machinery Co., in North Reading.

Together with his wife, Mr. Surret enjoyed traveling throughout the world, camping along the coast of Maine with their Boston Whaler, and family picnics on Vaughn Island.

Other interests included volunteering for Habitat for Humanity, architectural design, badminton, boating, golf, bridge, and spending time with his 11 grandchildren.

In addition to his wife of nearly 47 years, members of his family include his children: Robin and Jim Davis of Indianapolis, Ind.; Robert and Laura Surret of Roswell, Ga.; Karen and Stephen Ishihara of Andover; Cynthia and Matthew McDonnell of Wells, Maine; Peter Surret, also of Wells; and Jennifer and James Jette of North Attleborough; and a brother, Howard L. Surret Jr., of North Hampton, N.H.

A memorial service was held July 22 at St. David's Episcopal Church, Kennebunk.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: Greater Lawrence Habitat for Humanity, Box 233, Lawrence, MA 01842; the Maine Cancer Foundation, PO Box 553, Portland, ME 04112; or the Kennebunkport Conservation Trust, PO Box 7028, Cape Porpoise, ME 04014.

Arrangements were by Bibber Memorial Chapel, 67 Summer St., Kennebunk.

David K. Lau

Mechanical engineer
founded own business

David K. Lau, 56, of Andover, died Thursday, July 28, at Winchester Hospital after a short and sudden battle with pancreatic cancer.

Mr. Lau came from Hong Kong to the United States at the age of 19 to pursue a college education. He received a BSME degree from Northeastern University, a MSME degree from RPI, and a master's degree in business administration from Boston University.

He later started his own company and was the owner and president of Industrial Process Group Inc. in Wilmington.

Members of his family include his wife, Judy B. (Young) Lau of Andover; his father, Cham Lau of China; children, Justin Lau of California, Alex Lau of Andover and Alyssa Lau of Andover; brothers and sisters, Anna Lau of Medford, Sandie Lau of Medford, Victoria Lau of Hong Kong, Steven Lau of Andover, Jenny Eng of Andover, and Edwin Lau of Hong Kong; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Luftgarten Foundation for Pancreatic Cancer Research, 1111 Stewart Ave., Bethpage, NY 11714; or www.luftgartenfoundation.org.

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DEATHS

Theresa H. Burbine, 86
Arlene Lane, 87
David K. Lau, 56
Mary Novelline, 92
Ruth Stark, 79
John B. Surret, 70
Alda M. Zipeto, 87

OBITUARIES ARE
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DEATHS ELSEWHERE

LANE - Arlene (Mercer) Lane, 87, of Peterborough, N.H., died Friday, July 29, at the Monadnock Community Hospital in Peterborough following a sudden illness. Members of her family include her daughter, Margaret M. Fenton of Andover.

NOVELLINE - Mary (Roberto) Novelline, 92, of Burlington, died Sunday, July 31, at the Winchester Nursing Center. Members of her family include her son and daughter-in-law, William T. and Eileen Novelline of North Andover, formerly of Andover, and her granddaughter and her husband, Patricia

and Thomas Legere of Andover.

STARK - Ruth (Krey) Stark, 79, of Wilmington, died Tuesday, July 12, at home due to complications from cancer. Members of her family include her brother, John Krey, and her sister, Priscilla Long, both of Andover.

ZIPETO - Alda M. (Tomie) Zipeto, 87, of Brockton, died Friday, July 29, at Braemar Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Brockton. Members of her family include her son, John F. Zipeto of Andover.

Dewhurst & Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover.

Theresa H. Burbine

Was active at St.
Augustine Church,
Andover Senior Center

Theresa H. (Dubois) Burbine, 86, of North Andover, died Saturday, July 30, at Lawrence General Hospital.

Born in Lawrence, Oct. 30, 1918, she was a communicant of St. Augustine Church in Andover, where she was also

past president of the Altar and Rosary Society and CYO advisor. She also volunteered at Andover Senior Center.

She was a Cub Scout den mother and received two awards, the Corrigan Medal and the Silver Fawn.

She was the widow of William F. Burbine.

Members of her family include a daughter, Charlene J. Faro and her husband Charles of North Andover; two sons, Michael D. Burbine of Salem, N.J., and Gerard A. Burbine of Lawrence; brothers, Charles Dubois of Windham, N.H., Gerard Dubois of Methuen, Leo Dubois of Pelham, N.H., Henry Dubois of Marlboro, Conn., sisters, Cecile Bourassa of Brad-

ford, Ann Beauséne of Methuen, Jeanne Clem of Salem, N.H., Rose Michaud of Methuen, Geri Iannuzzi of Methuen, Bernadette Carney of Methuen, Marcelle Thompson of Methuen, Madeline Giroux of Methuen; sister-in-law, Theresa Hurley of Andover; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. She was also mother of the late David H. Burbine, grandmother of the late Nancy Faro, and sister of the late Lucien, Joseph, and Alexander Dubois, and Pauline Zolubos.

Arrangements were by Burke-Magliozzi Funeral Home, 390 North Main St., Andover.

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

100 Years Ago - 1905

The shower, bath and wash bowl have been installed in the Athletic Association clubhouse and will be ready for use in a few days.

The 37th annual reunion of the First Massachusetts Heavy Artillery association will be held at Salem Willows on Thursday.

The annual meeting of the Cricket, Football and Baseball Association was held in the clubhouse on Tuesday evening.

There seems to be no satisfactory explanation why some people are a source of attraction to mosquitoes and even more obnoxious insects while others go shot-free from such annoyance.

Gloves worn for summer differ as much from those worn in winter as gowns do for each season, and nowadays the list of thread gloves are lifted to the highest pinnacle of fashion.

The Crescents of North Andover defeated the Young Princetons on the old PA campus on Saturday by a score of 8 to 4.

Tickets are selling rapidly for the annual picnic by the employees of the Tyer Rubber Co., which will be held Saturday at Nantasket Beach.

Three special electrics passed through here on Wednesday morning and one on Wednesday afternoon bearing many passengers bound for Revere Beach. The excursion was held under the management of the Boston & Northern Street Railway Co., who are planning to conduct excursions every Wednesday.

Remember the meeting of the Andover Athletic Association this evening in the lower Town Hall.

The South Church Sunday School will be held as a vacation school through this month. There will be two classes. Next Sunday, the Rev. Arthur G. Cummings will lead the senior class. Mr. Shipman will have general charge of the junior class, to which Superintendent Palmer will talk on Sunday about "Some Strange Birds."

75 Years Ago - 1930

About 500 attended the stilt contests and bicycle races held last Friday evening at the sum-

mer playground.

A Swedish psychologist says that all nervous breakdowns, all the neuroses, in fact, are caused by laziness.

The halfway milestone has been reached in the 10th session of Camp Andover. On Thursday, the 72 girls between the ages of 11 and 13 of the second camp departed to make way for 70 girls between the ages of 14 and 18 who are to arrive on Saturday.

Miss Doris Kent, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Kent, entertained a number of her friends at her home, 32 Salem St., North Andover on her birthday, Tuesday, July 29. Games were played and piano selections were enjoyed. She received many beautiful gifts.

Miss Marie Campbell, district nurse, is now enjoying her annual vacation in Maine. During her absence, Miss Elsie R. Holt will substitute as district nurse. Miss Holt substituted for Miss Campbell last year. Anyone requiring her services should call ANDOVER, 84-R.

Miss Marie Daley, local telephone operator, has resumed her duties at the local exchange after enjoying her annual two-week vacation.

Six-year-old Eleanor Doherty and 7-year-old Jessie Ferrier are members of the group of 36 who have in the last two weeks learned under the tutelage of lifeguard John Robertson to dive from the wharf and swim 60 feet to the raft and return.

Ambulance driver Alexander MacKenzie has resumed his duties at the Central Fire Station on Park Street after enjoying his annual two-week vacation.

John Gallagher of North Main Street, who is one of the younger members of Clan McPherson of Lawrence, won two prizes at the Clan picnic held on Saturday at Roseland.

50 Years Ago - 1955

Phillips Academy has been left a portion of the estate of Lloyd Waddell Smith of Florham Park, N.J. Mr. Smith, a noted philanthropist, left three percent of the residue of his estate to the academy, after other specific bequests were deducted. The Jimmy Fund is \$35.42

richer this week. Several West Parish youngsters went out collecting, door-to-door, for the fund.

There is, as yet, no polio in Andover. Dr. William V. Emmons, chairman of the board of health, said this week that no reports have been received of any polio nor of any suspected cases in the town. Other areas of the state have been reporting record numbers of polio victims.

The third water show of the year at Pomp's Pond was held July 31.

The Zoning Board heard the appeal of Paul Gibbons, of Shawsheen Road, who wants to sell his big house and 13 acres of a 17-acre plot.

Roy H. Bradford, a former chairman of the School Committee, has expressed surprise that the Shawsheen School architects "can't find a good word for it." Mr. Bradford, now a Boston resident, served as chairman of the committee and also was chairman of the Shawsheen School Building Committee. He has called attention to many pertinent facts connected with the building of Shawsheen School.

Memorial Hall Library is looking for histories of the town. Pointing out that continued use of old books makes them "very delicate," the library is seeking copies of two histories.

25 Years Ago - 1980

An Andover man ran out of his Lovejoy Road home late Monday night in response to a woman's screams for help, then fired the shots that disabled the vehicle of the man she claimed had kidnapped her in Boston.

Andover may be enjoying cable television service in little more than one year, the chairman of the town's cable television advisory committee reported.

Boston's Jubilee 350 gets a showy assist from nature in the Perseids meteor shower beginning its display this week.

Jane Sasso and Joseph McEvoy, both certified respiratory therapy technicians at Lawrence General Hospital, demonstrate the hospital's new computerized breathing analyzer. The new equipment, which is

manufactured and serviced by Hewlett Packard, aids the physician in diagnosing and treating breathing disorders such as asthma and emphysema, in evaluating disability claims and detecting lung disorders.

On Monday evening, Aug. 18, the Andover High School barbershoppers will appear on a special documentary program airing at 8 p.m. on WNAC-TV, Channel 7.

Design development of the entire \$11.72 million school program has been completed and will be presented to the School Building Committee tonight for the committee's "final stamp of approval," committee Vice Chairman Richard Landry said yesterday.

Concerts are given Tuesdays at 8 p.m. and Thursdays and Sundays at 4 p.m., at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, 280 The Fenway, Boston.

10 Years Ago - 1995

Two members were against the idea, but the School Committee Tuesday night awarded Dick Neal a new five-year contract to be superintendent of Andover schools.

Tracing the steps taken by thousands of people during the Middle Ages, Dr. Maier, a Phillips Academy Spanish department instructor, walked along Europe's Pilgrim Head.

The town is continuing to gather information this week regarding the four finalists hoping to become Andover's next Council on Aging coordinator. But Buzz Stapeczynski, town manager, said he probably won't name the new Elder Services head until the middle of August.

The School Building Committee expects between \$100,000 and \$250,000 to remain in the contingency fund when the South School construction project is completed.

Bob Medaglio bought his house two years ago, and is still trying to correct some minor but nagging problems. Although his house cost more than \$500,000, he said he's going to correct the problems without the help of his builder.

- Compiled by WHAT'S UP contributor Alessandra Siraco

OBITUARIES

The *Townsmen* will publish obituaries of Andover residents without charge.

The paper also will publish without charge a short announcement of those people who died and did not live here, but are related to someone who lives in Andover. This listing will include the name of the deceased, where he or she lived, when he or she died, and names of relatives in Andover.

Those who wish to have a complete obituary published about a person who did not live in Andover can pay for a death notice. The cost of a death notice depends on the length of the notice.

Questions? Call Jack Grady or Neil Fater at 978-475-7000.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Bereavement - Heart of Grief Education, the Merrimack Valley Hospital (MVH) and Farmer & Sons/Bethany Bereavement and Resource Center of Haverhill, offer an eight-session bereavement program called The Heart of Grief; group meets on the first and third Wednesdays of the month in the hospital atrium, participation is free but pre-registration is requested; Nancy Thornton 978-374-9257.

Bereavement - Young Widows and Widowers weekly bereavement support, Merrimack Valley Hospice with Farmer & Sons Bethany Bereavement Center offering free six-week support group designed especially for young widow and widowers, Tuesdays through Aug. 16, Sacred Hearts Pastoral Center, 48 South Chestnut St., Bradford (Haverhill); 978-552-4376.

Bereavement - Loss of spouse, special support for those who have experienced the loss of a spouse, six weeks, beginning June 1, Wednesdays, 4-5:30 p.m., Joslin Conference Room (across from gift shop), Anna Jaques Hospital, Newburyport; Nancy Kidd 978-552-4572.

Bereavement - Perinatal loss support group, for parents who have lost a child through miscarriage, stillbirth or newborn, first and third Thursday of every month, 7:30-9 p.m., first floor conference room, Anna Jaques Hospital, Newburyport; 978-463-1175.

Bereavement - Renew, bereavement support group for adults offered by the Visiting Nurse Association of Greater Lowell, third Thursday of each month, 10:30 a.m. to noon, Cancer Center, Lowell General Hospital, 295 Varnum Ave., Lowell; Marie Jennings, 978-459-9343, Ext. 2783.

Bereavement - Safe Place, for those who have lost a loved one or friend to suicide, meets second and fourth Tuesday of each month, 7-9:30 p.m., The Samaritans, 169 East St., Methuen; 978-688-6607.

Bereavement - Samaritans, infor-

mation night, first Wednesday of each month, those who have lost a loved one or friend to suicide meet the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m., Samaritan Center, 169 East St., Methuen; 978-688-0030.

Bereavement - Surviving the Death of a Loved One, every Wednesday for four weeks, New Hall, St. Basil's Salvatorian Center, 30 East St., Methuen; Patti at Merrimack Valley Hospice, 800-475-8335 Ext. 4539.

Bereavement - Visiting Nurse Hospice will offer a bereavement support group for adults coping with the loss of a loved one, VNA of Middlesex-East & Visiting Nurse Hospice, Lakeside Office Park, 607 North Ave., second floor, door 17, Wakefield; Kathleen Sawyer, LICSW 718-224-3399.

Bereavement - Widowed Persons Service, an all-volunteers organization co-sponsored by American Association of Retired Persons, seeking men and women of all ages who have been widowed for at least 18 months, for its training program; Lori Maguire 978-475-5556.

Bereavement - Young Widows and Widowers weekly bereavement support, non-sectarian mutual help organization during bereavement and readjustment period, Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m., A "moving-on" group for persons widowed longer, second and fourth Tuesdays, 7-9 p.m., Marland Place, 15 Stevens St.; Francine Fuller 978-475-8186.

Bereavement - Adults, Mid-Years Widow and Widowers, Children, VNA of Middlesex-East offers bereavement support groups for adults Wednesdays 5-6:30 p.m.; mid-year widows and widowers (ages 59-70) Wednesdays 7-8:30 p.m.; children and parent/guardian Tuesdays 5:30-7 p.m., all groups meet for six weeks, VNA of Middlesex-East & Visiting Nurse Hospice, Lakeside Office Park, Wakefield, 607 North Avenue, second floor, door 17; Pat Kumph 781-2234-3399.

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Sports

Robbins/Suburban Pony League baseball

In the swing of things

Andover's Pony League teams battle in the playoffs

By Rick Harrison

ANDOVER BLUE ADVANCED to the Robbins/Suburban Pony League 14-15 division championship playoffs for the third time in five years, clinching a berth opposite nemesis Lowell following a 15-5 romp over top seed Tyngsboro Red in the second game of their best-of-3 semifinal round playoff series Tuesday night at Peter Aumais Park.

The victory enabled Blue, 17-4 overall, to complete a two-game sweep of the series following a 12-2 triumph at Tyngsboro High the previous night.

At the same time Tuesday, several hundred yards away at the West Middle School Field, Andover Gold was ousted from the playoffs as No. 2 seed Lowell (19-2) rallied for three runs in the top of the seventh to complete a semifinals series sweep with a 5-3 win.

No. 3 Gold, which lost the opener 6-0 on a one-hitter, completed the season 16-5 overall.

The championship series opens tonight (Thursday) with Blue playing Lowell on the road at Shedd Park (off Route 38) in Lowell (5:30 p.m.).

The scene shifts to Andover High's Aumais Park tomorrow night (Friday) for game 2 (5:30).

If a third game is necessary it will be Saturday evening back in Lowell (5 p.m.).

Blue also met Lowell in the 2001 playoff finals, bowing in three games, and last summer when Lowell swept.

Both Gold and Blue opened the playoffs by capturing best-of-3 quarterfinal round playoff series. Gold sweeping past No. 6 seed Chelmsford White and Blue doing the same against No. 5 Methuen Blue.

As the *Townsmen* went to press, the top-seeded Andover 13-year-old team needed a win to advance to the championship playoffs in its division.

Andover (20-3) and North Andover (14-7-1) were tied 1-1 in their semifinal series, with game 3 last night at Aumais Park.

North Andover won the opener, 6-2, and Andover the second game, 7-4.

If Andover won, it faces the survivor of the other semifinal, also tied 1-1, between Dracut East (16-6) and Chelmsford (15-7-1).

Chelmsford won the opener, 4-2, and Dracut East tied it with an 8-0 romp Tuesday night.

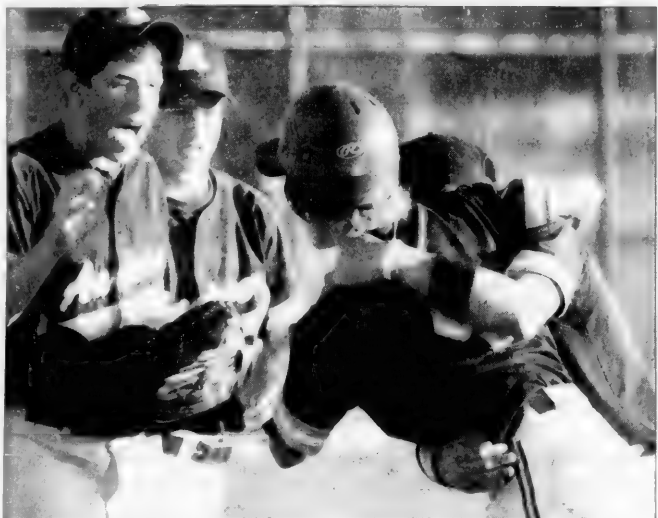
In the quarterfinals the Andover 13's, after being stunned by No. 8 Lynnfield 5-4 in the opening game, rebounded to win the next two, including an 8-5 triumph in the deciding showdown at Aumais Park.

Members of the regular season North Division champion Andover 13-year-old team include second baseman Conor Flanagan, pitcher/infielder Matt Gadziala, shortstop John Hennessy, catcher C.J. Leary, infielder Christian Lightner, outfielder Chris McConnell, outfielders John and Brian McNiff, catcher Marty Murphy, pitcher/third baseman Alex Patti, first baseman/outfielder Jake Ponti, first baseman/pitcher Kris Riemer, outfielder Spencer Rose, and outfielder Akira Sembomatsu.

Flanagan, Gadziala, Leary, McConnell, Patti, Ponti, Riemer and Rose are all graduates of the 2004 Andover National Major 11-12 Division Little League All-Star team that won the District 14 title last summer and advanced to the State Sectional.



Marty Murphy connects for a single during Andover's loss Thursday in the opening round of the Suburban Pony League's 13-year-old division playoffs.



Alex Patti (No. 4, back to camera, in right foreground) celebrates with his teammates after coming home to score a run during the opening round of the Suburban Pony League's 13-year-old division playoffs.



Andover's John Hennessy relays the ball to first base to close out the top of the third inning, Thursday. Andover lost the opening game in their best of three series against Lynnfield 5-4 in the first round of the 13-year-old division of the Suburban Pony League playoffs.

American Legion baseball

End of the line for Post 8's hopes of repeating as champs

By Rick Harrison

THE 2005 SEASON PRODUCED ANOTHER impressive and mostly-enjoyable ride for all connected with the Andover Post 8 American Legion baseball team.

But at this time of the summer any ride can get bumpy very quickly – and it can all come to an end almost without warning.

At this time of the summer there are no weak opponents – and no room for bad days or off games.

Just ask Post 8, whose hoped-for repeat run through the double-elimination Massachusetts State Tournament final 8 field was abruptly halted.

Stopped after tough back-to-back losses to Sandwich Post 188 and host Milford Post 59 at Fino Field.

In a pair of close games 24 hours apart – either of which could have swung Andover's way – the defending state champs dropped a 7-5 decision to Sandwich and an 8-6 verdict to Milford.

Losing the opening game to Sandwich put Andover in a deep hole – so cavernous that Post 8 would have been forced to win six straight games in five days to repeat as state champs.

Uncharacteristic lack of timely hitting, spotty pitching that alternated between outstanding and weak, and several defensive lapses amidst a number of terrific plays all combined to send Andover packing.

Hoping to punch tickets for next week's Northeast Regionals in West Warwick, R.I. – and possibly make reservations for the Legion World Series in Rapid City, South Dakota later this month – the locals instead returned home to some extra beach time.

Season over.

Still and all, Andover finished as one of the eight best in a Massachusetts field of more than 200 Legion teams.

"It sure didn't end the way we wanted or imagined," said Post 8 manager Joe Iarrobino. "The final two days were rough. But overall it was a successful season."

Andover finishes another memorable campaign 21-4 overall.

Post 8, 47-9 the past two years, outscored the opposition by a wide 210-106 margin this summer.

As good as anyone

At *Townsmen* presstime Sandwich and Milford, the teams that conquered Post 8, were two of the three still alive in the tournament.

The state champ was determined yesterday after two final games.

Milford faced Milton in the afternoon opener, with the loser eliminated and the winner earning the right to advance to a winner-take-all final against Sandwich.

Other qualifiers that exited early were Lynn Gautreau, Grafton Hill, Worcester Eastside and Walpole.

"We were as good as any team there," said Iarrobino. "We saw every team in the tournament play. We charted them all and felt we could beat any of them."

"But it's true – teams that make the fewest mistakes at this level usually win."

"We certainly had our chances in both games," said Iarrobino. "We left 24 on base (10 versus Sandwich, 14 versus Milford). We out-hit Sandwich (9-8) and Mil-

ford (8-7). We hit the ball well in both games – but not often enough at key times.

"Last year everything went right for us. All the hits fell in, the pitching was solid and we made all the defensive plays."

"For the first four innings of the Sandwich game we looked like the best team in America. But in the fifth the roof caved in – and we were never quite the same after that. We got frustrated and the feeling grew and grew."

The state champ goes to the Northeast Regionals in West Warwick, R.I. next week.

Andover placed third at the 2004 Regional Tournament, bowing out to Portland, Maine, which went on to win the National title with a perfect 5-0 record at the finals in Oregon.

"It sure didn't end the way we wanted or imagined."

**POST 8 MANAGER
JOE IARROBINO
AFTER THE TOUGH TWO DAYS
WITH BACK-TO-BACK LOSSES**

Stats and facts

The 2005 district title was the 12th for Andover in the past 17 summers, and this was the 14th time the locals qualified for the playoffs over that stretch.

They reached the State Tournament Final 8 for the eighth time – with last summer's state title the first in the program's history.

In the Sectional playoffs, Andover swept Lowell Post 87 in two close games (8-7 and 11-7), and beat Peabody in three equally-taut battles (8-11, 4-2, 11-10), during a pair of best-of-3 series prior to the state finals.

Andover has now won 30 of its last 35 games against in-state competition, dating back to last year when Post 8 captured its last two regular season games, swept two best-of-3 state tourney preliminary round playoff series and went 5-1 in the state finals (only loss to Norwood).

Post 8 went 15-2 in district games last summer and 15-1 this season.

The only other losses this summer were to Swampscott, 12-11, during the regular season and Peabody, 11-8, in the opening game of the second Sectional series.

Six graduates

The 18-player Post 8 roster included 13 veterans from the 2004 Legion squad, which finished 26-5, and nine who completed an 18-4 season with Merrimack Valley Conference Division 1 and North 1 titlist Andover High.

This year's team consisted of Tom Arrigg, Patrick Bateson, Conor Burke, Kevin Calabro, Nick Caro, Greg Carroll, Myke Fortier, Dan Godefroi, Dan Haugh, Andrew Hennessy, Matt Hogan, Tim Hughes, Matt Iorio, Joel Keefe, Craig Lanciani, Paul Malaguti, Zach O'Donnell and Ryan Shepard.

Coaches were Kevin Rourke and Keith Grant.

Andover will graduate six players who appeared in their final Legion game versus Milford.

Keefe, Arrigg, Hogan, Bateson, Hughes and Shepard will be too old for Legion ball next summer.

Keefe is transferring from UMass Boston to Newbury College where he will play baseball on scholarship. Hogan will

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SPORTS TALK

By Rick Harrison

This column, compiled from information supplied by the colleges or by friends and relatives of the student-athletes, youth standouts and coaches involved, is published periodically in the Townsman. Information may be mailed to the office at 33 Chestnut St., Andover, 01810; or faxed to 978-470-2819.

Former Andover High football standouts **John Fox** and **Geoff Stevens** had an interception each for the Merrimack Valley Conference All-Stars, who dropped a 29-13 decision to their Middlesex League counterparts in the 12th and final Carole Classic played recently before 2,300 fans at Burlington High's Varsity Field.

Proceeds from the game benefit Camp Carole, a New Hampshire summer retreat on the shores of Lake Winnepesaukee that offers a respite for kids of all ages stricken with cancer.

The previous 11 Carole Classics raised more than \$200,000 for the kids.

Defensive back Fox, headed to Bates College in the fall, set up the first MVC touchdown with a pick and 42 yard return to the Middlesex 11 yard line on the second play of the game.

Later in the opening quarter Stevens, playing linebacker, made an acrobatic interception.

Fox was voted the MVC's Defensive MVP of the game, finishing with 11 tackles, two forced fumbles and the pick.

The series between the two teams ended up even at six games apiece.

Jennie Williams and **Melissa Martin**, both of Andover, were integral members of the Babson College (Wellesley) women's lacrosse team this past spring.

Williams, a sophomore goalkeeper, registered five of the team's seven wins while finishing with an 11.81 goals-against average and a .415 save percentage.

Martin, a freshman first-year play-

er and graduate of Lawrence Academy in Groton, earned a letter.

Babson was 7-11 overall, placing fourth in the New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference (NEWMAC) during the regular season before battling to the conference tournament semifinals and bowing to top seed Wheaton College, 11-10.

Jason Lynn of Andover, a first-year member of the Babson College men's tennis team, helped the netmen to an 11-11 record and a berth in the New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference Tournament semifinals this past spring.

Lynn finished with three wins in singles' competition and five in doubles.

Terrienne McGettrick of Andover finished third in a field of 139 women runners at the annual Berna's Great Legs 5K Road Race held recently in Lowell.

McGettrick crossed in 18 minutes, 55 seconds while winner Tammie Robie of Milford, N.H. was clocked in at 18:10.

Other Andover residents who competed were **Lisa Doucett** (17th place, 22:16), **Kim Mazur** (22nd, 22:40), **Aileen Mason** (24th, 22:58), **Maribeth Netishen** (74th, 28:07), **Claudia Richard** (80th, 28:20), **Martha McQuaide** (82nd, 28:37), **Alisha Bourne** (35:36) and **Esther Pelletier** (40:17).

Sam Clark of Andover continued his outstanding play with the Lightning Baseball of New England 14-under team, which went 5-1 at the Beach Blast Tournament of Champions in Virginia Beach.

The reigning AAU national champions won five consecutive games to set up a showdown with the Beaver Valley Reds, the 2004 USSA national champs.

Lightning defeated the Columbus, Ohio Cobras, 4-3, the Richmond (Va.) Tigers, 10-0, the Chicago Top Tier, 11-1, the Cincinnati Sluggers, 10-8, and the Virginia Diamond Dawgs, 13-5, before dropping a rain-shortened four-inning 1-0 decision to Beaver Valley.

Clark laced two hits and drove in a run against Columbus. He also drilled a double and single versus Cincinnati, and contributed a double, two RBI against the Diamond Dawgs.

The game against Beaver Valley was delayed one day by rain, and four hours the following day because of poor field conditions. It was stopped after four innings because the Lightning had to leave for the airport and their flight home.

LOCAL ATHLETES



Andover High School lacrosse players were honored with the Sportsman of the Game award, presented by the Sportsman Alliance of Massachusetts, at the Boston Cannons game on Thursday, June 30 against the Philadelphia Barrage. The award is presented on the field in the third quarter of each Cannons home game to athletes who exemplify the ideals of sportsmanship in their conduct both on and off the field. Pictured from left (back row) are: John McVeigh, Kate Nichols, Maggie Lamond, Jessie Koffman, Rachel Fox and Leslie Barber. Front Row: Elisse Slovin and Casey Salois.

Palaestra Gymnastics Academy in North Andover competed alongside more than 30 other teams from all over New England in the Massachusetts State Gymnastic Championships for Levels 5, 9 & Prep-Opts. Owner Kathleen Needham and director Liu Qi



Palaestra Gymnastics Academy members in the Level 5 competition from Andover are Maggie D'Innocenzo (left) and Jessie Livingston.

oversaw a number of victories for Palaestra in 2005. In the team competition, the Prep-Opt Intermediate again proved to be the best squad in the state, organizers said, coming in first place for the third time in 4 years.

The L5 girls team placed fourth, and the Level 9 girls blasted through States and went on to the Regional Championships in Syracuse, New York, and the USA Eastern Nationals in Tampa Bay, Fla.

Coach Aimilia Deliou brought home many placements for the PGA L5 girls.

In the 9-Year-Old Junior Division, **Jessie Livingston** of Andover placed third All-Around with a score of 36.225. Jessie placed first on Bars with a 9.600, and third on Beam with a 9.200. **Maggie D'Innocenzo** of Andover placed 15th All-Around with a 33.950.

In the Prep-Opt State Championships held in May, coached by Brenda Shea, **Caroline Biles** of Andover, took first place on Beam with a 9.5, and came in sixth place AA with a 36.6. **Rebecca Robichaud** of Andover placed second on Vault with a 9.6, and second place on Bars with a 9.2; she came in fourth place All-Around with a 37.55. **Jacqueline Hung** of Andover took home first place on Bars with a 9.45, fourth place on Beam with a 9.2,

fifth place on Floor with a 9.5, and came in fifth place All-Around with a 37.15. **Devin Geary** of Andover received an All-Around score of 35.15. **Emily Hook** of Andover had an AA score of 36.00. **Gabrielle Galat** of Andover came in fifth place on Vault, in her age division, with a 9.3.

Final session of GLTS diving clinic on board Aug. 15-19

Greater Lawrence Technical School is sponsoring springboard diving clinics for boys and girls, ages 8-18 years, who have not graduated from high school.

The clinics will be held at the school's pool at 57 River Road in Andover; the clinics started July 18. Each five-day session, limited to 12 enrollees, will run from 8 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$110.

The final session will run Aug. 15-19 for ages 13-18 years.

Diving coach, Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) State Meet director and Andover resident Dick Lennon is the clinic director.

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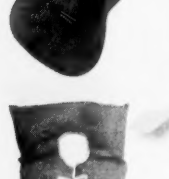
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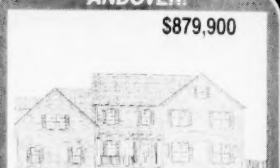
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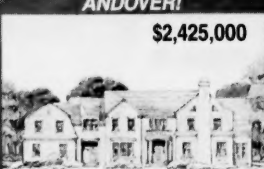
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A house under construction at 171 Highland Road in Andover collapsed from a storm on Wednesday, July 27

Storm blows down \$1M home

Starting over: Workers had spent month building it

By Dorian Block
and Greta Cuyler

James Carroll woke up last Friday morning and started picking up the pieces of a nearly \$1 million house under construction on Highland Road.

The frame of the five-bedroom Colonial collapsed during Wednesday night's thunderstorm which blew through the region with gusts of winds reaching 35 mph.

The site at 171 Highland Road was a tangle of toppled walls, windows, stairs and door frames.

Carroll, a builder, lives in a similar house two doors down. He was home during the storm but did not know until yesterday morning about the damage.

"The storm was so loud we couldn't hear a thing," Carroll said. "It's a terrible thing, but at least no one was hurt."

Local developer Bill Perkins has known Jim Carroll and his father Charlie for many years and says they build very good homes. He called the toppling "an unfortunate incident."

"It sounds to me like the framing crew must've not had adequate bracing and then with the high winds it was kind of bad timing. During construction and with the high winds and rain, you could certainly see how it happened."

"I thought at least the rafters would be fine," said Building Inspector Chris

Clement, who photographed the damage. "I thought it couldn't have collapsed, and there it was."

An 8:50 p.m. phone call to Andover police reported that a house under construction was knocked down by the storm, according to Officer William Oullette.

Carroll said he lost more than a month's worth of labor and about \$100,000 in building materials.

Carroll said the property will be cleared and that none of the materials are salvageable. The foundation is intact. According to Carroll's building application, construction on the home was estimated to cost him \$345,000.

Carroll said insurance should cover his loss.

THE BACK PAGE

Crash course in moving



Bill Dalton

work as a career change.

When I first moved to Atlanta, the big news story was that a sheriff who'd just been thrown out by the voters had shot and killed the person the voters had selected. This had come on the heels of the news that the 1996 Olympics had been lured to the city by phony weather statistics showing how comfy and cool the city was and with artificially low crime numbers. The last mayor, a very popular guy, is now indicted.

When word got out that my wife and I were leaving Atlanta, our friends congratulated us for being lucky enough to leave the city (I must say that the new mayor, Shirley Franklin, is a wonderful breath of fair air to the city and might be able to make it a better place.)

Anyway, being seasoned Atlantans, we knew that moving would be troublesome. (Heck, it takes weeks to have a telephone turned on.)

The trouble started the early morning of the move. Tree trimmers were working in the neighborhood. Any Atlantan who has lived in the city more than an hour knows that tree trimmers will lead to an electric outage. The electric company has become pretty good, and power was restored within a couple of hours - I think they now follow the trimmers around.

During this crucial moving day for us, we would later lose power several times because of thunder storms. When there is lightning in Atlanta - about every half hour in the summer, it is guaranteed that you will lose your power. We needed to have paintings crated and (thankfully) the craters have become savvy to the vagaries of Atlanta and carry their own generator with them.

Oh, did I mention it was almost 100 degrees and humid

You might notice that I am now writing from Austin and not Atlanta.

My wife and I moved last week. I like going to new places but moving is bad - very, very, very bad - especially if you have to do it from Atlanta.

Atlanta is one of the places in the world where doing something simple, such as renewing your driver's license, is as much

as a bucket of spit (to borrow from Alvin Barkley). When the power goes, so does the air conditioning. The worse it got, the more we wanted to be in Austin.

Well, the movers arrived ("relocators" they are now so-called because they relocate some of what you own to someplace where you'll never find it). For reasons that involve possible litigation against the movers, I will not go into detail about the horrors inflicted to our possessions. The best of the relocators went with me to my office to assist me to relocate that stuff. While we were there, President George W. Bush arrived in town. Every street was closed between my office and house for several hours, so we were stuck there while the movers (relocators) needed my help to make decisions with my wife back at the house. Now, the president is from just outside of Austin. It was a tad ironic to me that I was trying to go there and he, not that I rise to the level of slimy bug splatter on his windshield, was stopping me from getting there.

Anyway, to top it all off, we went to a neighbor's house for a goodbye dinner. They were truly very sweet and had looked at vegetarian manuals to cook for us non-meat people. Something went wrong and my wife and I were up all night retchingly sick.

Now, for those of you who think that corporate relocation is a great way to see the world, meet new and interesting people, expand horizons, blah, blah, blah, pause for a moment and think of your five favorite possessions. At the end of any move, at least two of those will be gone. Gone or smashed beyond description. You will be compensated, but the possessions will be gone.

I think that the whole process could be simplified if folks would sit down with their relocators and bargain what they were going to lose. Then at least you'd know what you were losing before the horrific jackpot of opening boxes at the other end.

"Look, we are going to break some of your stuff. What would you like it to be?"

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